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PATIKAS CHASED

JIMMY PATIKAS, Australia's World Cup midfielder-cum-striker, is being chased by some of the wealthiest clubs in Europe for his services next season.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Contracts worth over \$500,000 for three years are being mentioned as being dangled in front of Patikas in efforts to lure the pacey midfielder away from Greek First Division club AEK.

His current contract with AEK, which ends in December 1988, is worth well over \$300,000 plus free accommodation and a sports car.

Giant wealthy rival Greek clubs, Panathinaikos and Olympiakos, are reported to have great aspirations of gaining Patikas' services for next year.

The pressure on Patikas became so intense that last week AEK asked Patikas to make a press statement that he was happy and would not leave the club whilst he remains in Greece.

Patikas, a protégé of Sydney City's Eddie Thomson, has completely changed his style but not his speed.

In a recent Greek 1st Division match before a crowd of 23,500 at the magnificent Olympic Stadium, Patikas virtually single-handedly destroyed visiting Veria by 5 goals to nil.

The former Sydney Croatia player set up two goals and nailed in two more himself to bury the visitors.

A Sydney coach, Dennis Papas from North Sydney Hellas, who was at that match, on arriving back in Australia from a business trip to Greece, told ASW last night: "Jimmy has ma-

tured so much since leaving Sydney. He is always running into space, plays the one-touch repeatedly and in front of goals has so much time and steadiness.

"In the space of just over 12 months, Patikas has rocketed into one of Greece's top five star players.

"He is easily the fastest and certainly not afraid to attack all defences."

Last week-end after AEK's match against Doxa, a European football agent was blocked from gaining entry into the dressing rooms to see Patikas.

Despite being homesick for Australia, he fully realises that he cannot possibly earn the income here that he can in Greece to secure the future for himself and his attractive wife of 12 months, Australian-born Denise.



JIMMY PATIKAS on the move during his stint with Sydney Croatia. His is now one of the hottest properties in Greek football.

THE GOOD OLE SUMMER TIME . . .

IF the protagonists of Summer Soccer are to get anywhere at next month's NSL meeting they will have to do a lot of explaining.

More than that, they will have to convince the public why they won't be able to watch other than a couple of international games at the height of the winter season.

Under the plan June

and July would be a wipe-out.

Those with longer memories will be aware that the big gap left for the 1974 World Cup meant that the code did not recover from the break.

In fact it led to a general downturn. Get more people losing the habit of following their teams and there will be more drop-outs.

An 8pm kick-off on Sunday nights adds inter-

state travelling expense and players miss Monday work. Can they afford that, as fulltime professionalism is a rare commodity.

This year three weeks are lost in June — a pity but that does not represent two months.

Next season there is great pressure.

There are eighteen players out for a National squad. Has anyone considered that competitions

should go on regardless, as they do in other codes?

This is a deadly serious proposition.

Those who always seek postponements wonder why their followings have dwindled . . .

In Soccer not even Summer Soccer is impossible but the resources to make it a success would have to be proven beyond all doubt.

— KEITH GILMOUR

TAKING THE OSCAR

FIFA has ruled that Socceroo Oscar Crino belongs to the Anorthosis club in Cyprus. If South Melbourne and Sydney Croatia want him they will have to deal with Anorthosis. Crino wants to return to Australia. He appealed through the ASF to FIFA for a clearance on the grounds that the financial terms of his contract had not been honoured.

CHALLENGE CUP

THE Sydney National Soccer League clubs have planned a tournament to be played on Wednesday 11, Sunday 15, Wednesday 18 and Sunday 22 March.

ARABIAN KNIGHTS!

VALENTINE PARK, Parklea — the message is spreading. Negotiations have been almost completed for 40 coaches from the Arab states to spend a month in camp there from the end of May.

CONTI & GREEDY

APIA-bound could be Italian World Cup superstar Bruno Conti for a guest stint, and super Socceroo goalkeeper Terry Greedy.

TUG OF WAR

BRILLIANT Yugoslav Zlatko Nastic arrived back in Sydney on Thursday. He is trialling with Marconi, but State Bank League club Rockdale Ilinden won't be unhappy if he rejoins them.

WHAT'S UP DOC?

UNDER the International Tournament plan announced by the ASF, Sydney and Melbourne get one game each, Adelaide two, and Perth two plus a double-header.

Sydney won't see Manchester United or Celtic and Melbourne will miss Celtic and Nottingham Forest.

Brisbane went down the gurgler when too many 'B' team games were played there in the last tournament. They receive no chance to recover their pride.

Man. United with Charlton and Best once drew 27,000 in Brisbane.

BLANCO BACK

RAUL BLANCO, once Scheinflug's assistant with the National team is back in Sydney and raring to go. He sold his home when he went to Argentina and will be settling in Sydney's Fairfield district. The word is that the could end up with a State Bank League club.

NSW EXECUTIVE

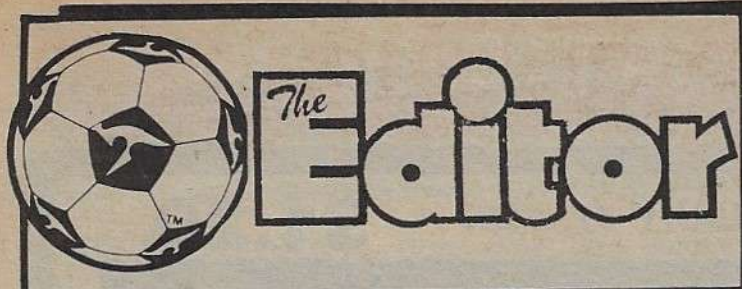
THE Board of the NSW Federation may have overestimated the extent of marketing possible in its selection of a new Executive Director.

After a knock-back from Melbourne at a huge salary, they will turn to a YUPPY type who could grow with the job.

PENRITH FLASH . . .

URUGUAYAN Auburn has received permission to switch from Mona Park to the better appointed and well floodlit Cook Park at Penrith.

— KEITH GILMOUR



WHEN Cricket presents a three-nation "World Series", the public accepts the situation, although the extent to which the world is involved is miniscule indeed.

Then there are the state tennis titles and the Australian championships, which draw public interest commensurate with their particular ratings.

So it runs through sport, but in Soccer things run differently.

The World Cup is everything, and international matches in Australia, with a notable few exceptions, are relegated to something a deal less in the public mind.

It was not so before the World Cup became the big interest, although it is easy to agree that in pre-World Cup days much of the public was naive in their approach to the true standing of international football as was displayed in the Commonwealth.

Some of the problems of recent years have been occasioned by the code itself.

The national coach and squad needs say 60 matches against varying types of opponents in the four year World Cup cycle build up.

The games, at home or away, are obtained by hook or by crook.

Then they are played. It can be a big deal such as a Juventus, Arsenal or Celtic visit, with attendant crowds — or something much less.

But many promotion vehicle companies have been involved, and all have gone their way.

There has been little financial risk on most matches to the Australian Soccer Federation. And, on the other hand, there has been precious little continuity of promotion of the games.

This lack of promotion is self defeating. Little is learnt. No proper connection is made with the junior game, and things wind down.

Exceptions involve the Winfield promotion of the World Cup tie against Scotland in Melbourne and the Australia-Juventus game in the same city.

So in 1987 the credibility of the game — rightly claimed as the world game — comes under the spotlight as Manchester United, Nottingham Forest, Glasgow Celtic and separately Everton are to tour.

A Perth syndicate has been handed control of the four team tournament.

We are told that they have a financial pedigree. They must be congratulated on their enterprise and it is to be hoped that they have the expertise to match their judgment.

But in these times of the reduced value of the Australian dollar they have taken on a big task.

If they have the right players in the touring clubs then they should have a brilliant product to sell.

Their test is to sell the product properly.

The Socceroos will gain a great deal from the exercise, with the Olympic games qualifiers coming up.

They should be in great touch as they then wing their way to Seoul to compete against some marvellous opposition in the President's Cup.

LIKELY INTERNATIONAL GAMES

Mon May 25: Australia v Nottingham Forest
Parramatta Stadium

Wed May 27: Australia v Manchester United
Olympic Park

Fri May 29: Celtic v Nottingham Forest
Adelaide

Sat May 30: Manchester United v Celtic
Adelaide

Sun May 31: Nottingham Forest v Manchester Utd
Perth

Mon June 1: Australia v Everton
Olympic Park

Tues June 2: Australia XI v Celtic
Perth

Thurs June 4: Tournament Finals
Perth.

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GREAT BREAKTHROUGH AS MORE PLAYERS

TURN TO COACHING

IT's always good to see players and ex-players taking the time out to further their knowledge on the coaching side.

It is especially so when in turn they pass on their experience by staying in the game on the coaching side once their playing careers are over.

So it was more than pleasing to see Terry Greedy, Joe Watson and current Socceroo captain Charlie Yankos taking part in a Level II course at Parklea recently.

Obviously if players of the calibre of these three can make the time it is a great boost for others to make the effort also.

New South Wales has been slow in the past in encouraging players to do courses but that is definitely changing gradually with Stan Ack-erley, Kenny Lindsay and Allan Maher being another trio to take part here, as have Melita



BY ALAN VEST
NSW DIRECTOR
OF COACHING

coach Denis Hoggart, Wollongong Macedonia coach John Frew and Wollongong City players turning coaches, Larry Gaffney and Glen Fontana.

There are others as well from many National League and State League clubs, which is an encouraging sign indeed.



STAN ACKERLEY ... former APIA and Australian left-back also on course.

QUEENSLAND'S COMMOTION

BY GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND Soccer clubs are in uproar over a National League executive decision to wash its hands of involvement in the qualifying series which could provide re-entry to the National competition for a Sunshine State team in 1988.

The NSL decision means the Queensland XXXX League premiers could be faced with airfare and accommodation bills in excess of \$10,000 to chance their fortune and skills against the Victorian and South Australian champions.

The winner of the qualifying series will join the NSW State Bank premiers in the 1988 West End NSL, replacing two relegated teams.

The NSL Executive opted earlier this month to refer the finalising of the format, the organisation, and more importantly, the financing of the qualifying tournament back to the State Federations involved.

"It's their qualifying tournament, they can play it how they like," said NSL Executive Director Mr Stefan Kamasz.

Kamasz added he could see no reason for West End National League sponsorship funds to be poured into a tournament involving State League teams.

The Queensland Soccer Federation, on behalf of its leading clubs, has written letters to the

NSL and the Australian Soccer Federation asking for urgent clarification of the details of the qualifying tournaments.

"Everything must be settled and announced prior to the start of the season," said QSF secretary Alan Vessey.

"Our premiers may not be decided until the last round of fixtures. It will be an impossible situation, if they then have to start negotiating over who and where they are playing in the qualifying tournament."

Attitude

The Queensland clubs, which include Brisbane City and Lions who were among the 10 sides axed from last year's NSL, are generally in favor of home and away ties against their Victorian and South Australian opponents.

They believe costs

could be minimised by them playing a game in Melbourne on Friday night and then a match in Adelaide the following Saturday. Similarly the two southern clubs to compete would go to Brisbane on the same weekend.

But several Queensland clubs believe a push will be on for the tournament to be played at one venue, probably Melbourne's Olympic Park as it looms as a central location.

"That would be an unfair home advantage to the Victorians and a massive financial disadvantage to the Queensland club," said one Brisbane club official.

"We are committed to getting back into the national competition as soon as we can and it is only fair that the passage back be clearly and fairly mapped out."

"The current attitude seems to be one of NSL members can smile and the rest can please themselves."

Queensland

NSW SOCCER COACHES ASSOCIATION

SEMINAR

VALENTINE PARK, FRIDAY FEB 20
"CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE"

The first seminar of the NSW Soccer Coaches Federation will be held at Valentine Park, Parklea, on February 20 at 7pm.

The theme for the night will be CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE, which is very popular in the UK and Europe.

The seminar will be conducted by Mr Alan Vest, NSW Director of Coaching.

All interested Youth League coaches, representative coaches and junior club coaches are urged to come along. We think that you will find the night most interesting and enjoyable.

The scheme will be introduced to all junior clubs during 1987, but please come along on February 20 at 7pm and give Alan Vest and Soccer your support.

Refreshments will be served. The cost will be \$2 per head.

TOP HONOUR FOR JOHNNY WARREN

FORMER Socceroo captain and ASW columnist Johnny Warren MBE has been inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame.

In bestowing this honour upon Warren he becomes one of only 180 Australian sportspeople to receive it.

The careers of every person admitted to membership are closely researched before endorsement is granted.

Members of the selection committee included Sport John Brown, Sir Hubert Opperman, Ted Harris, Kevan Gosper, Marjorie (Jackson) Nelson and Dawn Fraser.

Said Warren: "Naturally I feel honoured — and even flattered — to be chosen."

"I feel that the contribution I have made to Australian Soccer since my retirement as a player has been a distinct factor in my selection."

Footballer, publicist, coach, administrator — Johnny Warren has lent his full support to the code.

As a player he was one of the famous Canterbury "Babes", and then a huge St George star and drawcard.

His career drew to a close in 1975 as a St George grand final winner following appearance in the 1974 World Cup

finals in West Germany. — KEITH GILMOUR



JOHNNY WARREN ... Hall of Fame.

VICTORIA'S NEW SYNTHETIC SURFACE

OLYMPIC PARK has been for years the showpiece of Australian Soccer venues, and Soccer has benefitted from its first class facilities.

Players have enjoyed the lush surface, which Australia's Socceroos have adopted as their home ground. Supporters enjoy the seated terraces and first class grandstand and the VIPs sit in the lap of luxury enjoying the view from the enclosed private room.

In March this year Olympic Park will go one step further and "SPOIL" Soccer some more. The new look Number Two pitch will be unveiled to reveal Victoria's first synthetic grass Soccer pitch.

The pitch itself costs more than \$500,000 - and with other modifications like lighting equal to the Number One pitch - the ex-poor sister ground will start to challenge the main one for

BY PHIL DIAMATARIS

quality. It already has a splendid grandstand and restaurant facilities to cater for every supporter.

BUT, the artificial surface has its critics. Mr Roger Hampson, the manager of the Olympic Park complex is aware of this and is confident that with time Victorian Soccer will be the eventual winner.

Roger sees the new No 2 as being the main training centre of Victorian Soccer. "It is a God-send", he said. All teams will be able to use the ground to train on and if any team has the foresight the ground should be approved by our F.A. for matches to be played on it.

The beauty of such a field is that under any weather condition training or matches will be unaffected. Luton Town and Queens Park Rangers in England have seen the volume of postponed games drastically reduced due to the artificial surfaces they play on. The theory is that they do receive an advantage by playing on the artificial surface regularly, but if the trend continues and more sides adopt this surface, after all they will gain financially in the long run, more and

more teams will acclimatise and the advantage will level off.

The English League has moved against artificial surfaces, but that could prove to be a short-sighted viewpoint.

Teams will benefit during the season if their grounds are waterlogged and training has to be cancelled or moved to another venue. Not only this the Soccer season normally finishes in October and restarts in March the following year.

Most clubs play on council grounds and during this time grounds undergo repairs or are made into cricket grounds etc, which makes it hard for teams to arrange grounds for pre-season training or friendly matches. The problems will not be so bad now that Olympic Park No 2 will be avail-

able fifty two weeks of the year.

Viewpoint

Tim White, the Victorian coaching director has already shown interest in using the ground for coaching seminars, training for Victorian State squads both senior and junior and obvious conducting clinics there. As Tim said: "I won't care about the weather, the pitch will always be true. Training will always go ahead, not to mention matches."

As with Luton Town and Queens Park Rangers, Olympic Park stands to make a decent income from hiring the ground out to various bodies like the VFL umpires, the Lacrosse Association and the Hockey Federation apart from the funds Soccer will contribute.

Luton Town made \$250,000 PROFIT last season.

As mentioned, the ground can be used potentially every hour of the year as its durability is guaranteed for five years but the pitch itself can last for 10 years. Normal grass pitches should only be used up to 16 hours a week.

Roger has some good news for the people who think they'll be paying high costs for the pitch equal to that of the fee for No 1. He assures me that the charge per hour is only \$60. Any side from the NSL down to Industrial League will be able to afford that cost and train on a first class pitch.

The surface itself is sand filled and has a 25 millimeter coat of artificial grass with another 25 millimeter shock pad

between the sand and grass. It is very similar to Luton Town's and moulded soles can be worn - that's another plus as players won't have to outlay any extra costs.

I believe the pitch will take some getting used to, but in the long run skill levels will be greater as the pitch will allow players to express themselves with out the worry of the ball hitting a bump or being interfered with by a puddle. I could go on for a while longer about the bad points of grass pitches and I guess critics of the artificial surface could go on about them too.

For the moment the new synthetic surface will be an excellent opportunity for Soccer to the advantage of it for training. Who knows in years to come number two may become number one.

THE FARINA-SLICKERS JIGSAW

THE plush Hakoah Club in Hall St Bondi is still abuzz over the loss of Socceroo striker Frank Farina from their crack Sydney City football team.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

"What happened?" is still the big question, even a fortnight after Farina's departure for Bossley Park.

Farina was re-signed by the Slickers for another year, but, after early enquiries had been refused, Marconi came back on paper with a further bid.

And this time Sydney City agreed to the transfer.

The loss hit home hard to the supporters. They constitute a small band indeed, but let no-one think that they are in any way deficient in their support for the team.

For years the club's strike-force had been led magnificently by Socceroo John Kosmina, now with Sydney Olympic.

And wherever Eddie Thomson had a hole to plug, in went Gerardo Gomez to do a brave job.

The Gomez future now lies out at Bossley Park.

There was in effect the retirement of Joe Watson to the confines of player-coach of State Second Division club Kingsford Hellenic.

That move was inevit-

able, but all in all Farina was the fourth star to leave a powerful, high quality team within a couple of months.

Glorious Run

Until now the Slickers' record in the NSL had been impeccable, and before 1977 there had been a string of glory in the NSW State League.

The reversion to a 14 team National League has placed a premium on quality strikers.

And the argument runs that if Rod Brown cost APLA \$32,000 and Steve Maxwell moved from Adelaide City to Marconi for \$25,000, then Frank Farina's price tag should have been greater still.

It continues on from there, one base being that Farina, if held until say mid-May, would have been more valuable still on the market.

Perhaps, as Peter Tredinnick had been outward bound from Marconi at the time, a swap and adjustment could have been arranged that left Sydney City with a tidy midfield reinforcement.

There was talk that

the Slickers had over-expended against budget, so the Farina offer had to be accepted.

In the same breath the club was ready to explore the UK market for a ready-made replacement.

If they could do that for say \$12,000 then they would be \$18,000 ahead on the Farina deal.

But the man obtained would need to be no slouch.

All this leaves the question of why Farina's shock move came after the ink was barely dry on a one-year contract.

Our research indi-

cates that the move has some parallel in the Jewish-backed Slickers obtaining Eli Ohana from Israel to guest with them in 1986.

Farina has ready-made Italian connections at Bossley Park. Someone must have felt that it could have been counter-productive to hold a player who wanted to go.

As a final reflection, the outcome may have been different had Marconi not done so well financially from the enterprising Vardar tour.

But all of that leaves the Sydney City supporters very far from smiling with joy.

SPARKS FLY AT HAKOAH CLUB

TONIGHT at the HAKOAH SOCCER CLUB, a hostile meeting is expected when supporters of Sydney City (sponsored by Hakoah), will meet to thrash out the club's future in the WEST END NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE.

Sydney City in the last

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

three months, has been ripped apart with the loss of no less than four of their super-star players.

Sydney City, easily the NSL's most successful championship winning side, has notoriously been plagued by their inability to attract crowds at their home matches.

Tonight's expected hostile meeting with the Hakoah Club, will be the second such confrontation between supporters of Sydney City and the Board of Directors of the Hakoah Club.

Last year at a similar meeting, the fans gained victory to see their beloved team's continued existence in the NSL.

In 1986, Sydney City took out for the first time the NSL Cup, the only trophy that the team had not won since 1977.

Eddie Thomson, Sydney City's championship winning coach, has become most despondent in recent weeks, stating only: "In all my coaching years, I have never stood in the way of any of my players who wanted a transfer. Far from it. In fact once I know a player wants out I encourage his exit as I begin to question his loyalty to the club."



FARINA ... From Sydney Athletic Field to Bossley Park.

ANOTHER FARINA?

SYDNEY CITY supporters are up in arms over the transfer of Frank Farina to Marconi.

It came completely out of the blue. This when added to the quality of the player it made the whole event completely traumatic.

Perhaps it is somewhere down the track, but coach Eddie Thomson says there is another Farina on the way.

His name is Steve

Refenes, and he already has had 30 minutes on the left wing against St George in the State Bank Cup.

"Steve is more advanced than Frank was at the same age," Thomson reckons.

Refenes is one of three starlets obtained from last year's Sydney Olympic U16 youth team.

The other pair are Eric Hrist and Louis Triantafillou.

But meanwhile the Sydney City supporters are suffering ...



EDDIE THOMSON

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NSW STATE BANK CHALLENGE CUP



CANBERRA IMPROVES

BY HERB HILD

CANBERRA CITY won the duel of the NSL rejects when it downed Inter Monaro 3-1 in a State Bank Challenge Cup match at Bruce Stadium on Sunday.

Despite a determined second half fight back, Monaro succumbed to Canberra's greater polish and the winner looked every inch like a team likely to bid for the top competition again.

City stamped its authority on the match with goals in the eighth and 16th minutes against a side diluted by the absence of striker Marko Perinovic, who was out with a ligament injury.

In fact, for most of the first half it looked as though a shaken Monaro would be overrun, but when the Queanbeyan side pulled one back early in the second half the match recovered its balance.

Canberra ought to have taken the lead in the first minute when Alan Reis sprinted onto Emil Maricic's perfect pass, to steer it past the forward-rushing keeper, Manuel Notaras, but he passed the open goal.

The opening goal was the epitome of efficiency. Ray Junna, for ever keen to belittle his markers with speed, latched onto a long through pass on the right and it took some pushing by Joe Gagetti to stop him.

Referee Neil Murray's decision to give a penalty appeared somewhat harsh considering Junna

sent his pass away despite the obstruction.

Steve Bryant executed with precision.

Reis made up for his earlier flaw when he netted City's second goal. It came from a low cross by the ungainly-moving but extremely strong Marisic.

Reis, a thinker and runner, side-footed it over the line despite a desperate late grab by keeper Notaras.

The Inter keeper had an excellent game, considering that he had to put up with some inept back-passing from his defenders.

Monaro at this stage seemed bent more on damage control than on reducing the deficit. Its feeble efforts were neutralised by City's confident backline of Bryant, Phil Reis and Craig Weldon, allowing Jason Dunn to join mid-field forays with Tom Sermanni.

But in the second minute of the second spell Monaro did strike back. Sweeper Phil Reis, usually composed, was caught by Lino Fiorese's sudden burst of speed in the penalty area.

Reis stopped the striker with a push and Vic Fernandez metered out justice from the penalty spot.

Inspired by the success, Monaro came to life, mainly through the indefatigable Gagetti and some accurate ball distribution by Angelo Ambrosino.

That flicker of spirit was blown out a mere 10 minutes later when a pass from Jorge Cerro was

met by Junna's diving header. The ball rebounded from Notaras and Marisic thumped it over the line.

Neither team was ready to settle for this scoreline and fortunes fluctuated during the final stages. Notaras was called on to make a fine save from an inexplicably hard hit back-pass from Sasha Trpkovski.

City faded slightly in the last 15 minutes but with a comforting two-goal margin it could afford to coast.

CANBERRA CITY: Economopoulos, Weldon, Bryant, P. Reis (Popovic 59), Dunn, Murray (Cerro ht), Mazis, Sermanni, Marisic, A. Reis, Junna.
INTER MONARO: Notaras, Arthur (Trpkovski), Wittler, Gagetti, Tittias, Fiorese, Ambrosino, Martinello, Chicco, Fernandez, Borella.

MELITA HOME

IN spite of an early goal from Youth international Abbas Saad, Sydney City slumped to a 2-1 loss to hot State Bank League prospects Melita Eagles at St George Stadium on Sunday night.

John Foxman, who has been running hot lately, scored along with new signing Anthony Wellbourne.

Foxman was the target of a bid by Maccabi, who this year bought out Bankstown Lebanon.

The Eagles are pleased that he decided to stay with them.

MELITA: Pupovac, Williams, Griffiths, Wilson, Lomas, Callinan, Farrugia, Wellbourne, Farnsworth, Foxman, Sertbas.

SYDNEY CITY: Hughes, Rodrigues, Robertson, O'Connor, Hooker, Paterson, Souness, McCulloch, Campbell, Saad, Parish.

PARISH PUMPS IN THE GOALS

TONY PARISH, who has come through the ranks in the local Southern and Eastern SFA and the Sydney City youth team, declared war on St George on Wednesday night.

The youngster went out there to bag the two goals that gave the embattled Slickers a 2-0 win over their traditional adversaries.

It was a tremendous bounce back for a team that had suffered an

ignominious 2-1 loss to State League club Auburn Uruguayan in the previous round.

The second goal was headed in like a flash from a cross late in the game that came from

Graeme Paterson.

ST GEORGE: Gibson, Hughes, Slaveski, Owens, M. O'Shea, Kotsias, Fternlati, Petkovski, Ollerenshaw, Porter, Fletcher.

SYDNEY CITY: Hughes, Rodrigues, Robertson, O'Connor, Hooker, Patterson, Souness, McCulloch, Campbell, Saad, Parish.

NEWCASTLE YOUNGSTERS IMPROVE

NEWCASTLE won its first match in the NSW State Bank pre-season competition when it led all the way on Saturday night against Uruguayan Auburn at the Adamstown Sports Ground.

The three-nil scoreline must have been a big disappointment to the Auburn team and its supporters following a 1-0 defeat by Newcastle Rosebud United's in last year's corresponding match.

But Auburn could offer no excuses for the defeat by a team being rebuilt and whose average age is under 19.

Newcastle's youngsters were all smiles after the win and the excellent form of Dale Rowney, but coach Peter Dewhurst was cautious about the result.

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

"One swallow doesn't make a summer," he said.

Nevertheless this match would have given Dewhurst the satisfaction of knowing that he has some worthwhile material with which to work.

But it was Rowney's speed and powerful shooting that destroyed the visitors after Newcastle had taken the lead through an own goal in the 31st minute.

Gary Hastie attempted to lift the ball back to the Auburn keeper from near the sideline but it went well over Carlos Rossano's stretching arms and into the net.

Then to add salt to the wound Cavanagh's 40 metre cross to the centre found Rowney who broke the central defence, brought the ball down from chest height

and sent a 15 metre screamer past the immobile Rossano.

Newcastle should have gone further ahead seven minutes after the break but Harrison's shot from six metres following a corner sailed over the crossbar.

But in the 55th minute Rowney struck again when he stole the ball from centre-back Krslovic on the left touchline and on a goalwards run shot low from left to right to leave Rossano standing for a second time.

Genec, Cuba, Wilk and Mosquera worked hard to reduce the leeway but generally the Newcastle defence was tight and the spasmodic Auburn shots that did penetrate were easily dealt with by Craig Gills, Newcastle's replacement for Clint Gosling.

Gosling is presently in New Zealand with the Kiwi national squad and has been placed on Newcastle's transfer list.

WEDNESDAY

at St George Stadium

URUGUAYAN AUBURN 1 (F. Cuba)

MELITA EAGLES 1 (J. Foxman)

SYDNEY CITY 2 (T. Parish 2)

ST GEORGE 0

SATURDAY

at Newcastle

NEWCASTLE 3 (Rowney 2, Hastie og), URUGUAYAN AUBURN 0

SUNDAY

at Canberra

CANBERRA CITY 3 (Bryant, G. Reis, Marasic), INTER MONARO 1 (Fernandez)

at St George Stadium

SUTHERLAND 3 (M Harrington, D Sharp, G Lerond)

CANTERBURY M'VILLE 1 (Z Arambasic)

MELITA EAGLES 2 (J Foxman, A Wellbourne)

SYDNEY CITY 1 (A Saad)

at Gabbie Stadium

BLACKTOWN CITY 4 (A Sandy 2, B Thornthwaite, J van Blerk)

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA 1 (D Gardiner)

WOLLONGONG CITY 1 (R Stevanovski) drew with ROCKDALE ILLINDEN 1 (D Wilson)

at Cromer Park

KU-RING-GAI 4 (P Fagan 2, D Kovern, C Pearce)

MANLY WARRINGAH 1 (R Stuart)

APIA LEICHHARDT 3 (L Dounis 2, J Baran)

WARRINGAH FRESHWATER 2 (D Corrigan, M Holloway)

STATE BANK CHALLENGE (Final Points)

GROUP A

Sydney Croatia 7, Blacktown 6, Wollongong City 4, Rockdale Illinden 3, Wollongong Macedonia 0.

GROUP B

Sydney Olympic 7, Sutherland Shire 4, Inter-Monaro 4, Canterbury M'ville 3, Canberra City 2.

GROUP C

Marconi-Fairfield 7, APIA Leichhardt 6, Ku-ring-gai 3, Manly Warringah 2, Warringah F'water 2.

GROUP D

Melita Eagles 7, St George 4, Sydney City 4, Uruguay Auburn 3, Newcastle R'bud Utd 2.



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AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY — FEBRUARY 17, 1987

ILINDEN SEND WOLVES PACKING

THE Wollongong Wolves went home howling after missing five chances in the first half at the Gabbie Stadium on Sunday.

With Rockdale Ilinden coming back in the second half for a 1-1 result, they turned the game into one in which each team dominated one session.

Jeff Ainsworth started Wollongong's near misses by driving a spanking free kick on to the bar in the 16th minute.

Zelko Miokovic denied Radi Stevanovski and then Pat Brodnik broke through only to have Billy Pilovski tidy up with goalkeeper Tony Zic well beaten.

But Stevanovski came back full of fight and lobbed Zic with a long left-footer from the wing.

Rockdale were playing neatly, but they were lucky seven minutes into the second half.

Brodnik only had to tap home a short cross set up by Rob Giraldi, but the struck hard and the ball hit the bar and flew

over. Wollongong's offside trap held Rockdale but the latter equalised splendidly in the 56th minute.

Geoff Wilson, wide on the right, pumped a ball to Darren Wilson and his glancing header flew past young.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Young, Skeen, Morlando, Demertzi, Easthorpe, Cokely, Stevanovski, Ainsworth, Brodnik, Peil, R. Giraldi.

ROCKDALE ILLINDEN: Zic, Miokovic, Rodas, Pilovski, J. Wilson (Baesolin), D. Wilson, Nastovski, Nikolovski, Beddoni, Genovese, Spirovski.

TWO Queenslanders from North Star club in Brisbane helped Ku-ring-gai to a 4-1 win over Manly Warringah at Cromer Park on Sunday.

The players were Paul Fagan who scored twice and Cameron Pearce who netted another.

MT DRUITT TOWN

The Mt Drutt Town Soccer Club has negotiated a worthwhile sponsorship deal with the Wilhelmina Social Club Ltd.

Sutherland Shire shines again

SUTHERLAND took time to settle, but when they did so Canterbury did not have the ghost of a chance and they ran away to a 3-1 win at St George Stadium on Sunday.

In fact the way in which the Berries faded showed how much coach Dom Kapetanovic has to do to

pilot them back into shape.

Mark Harrington, Sharpe (a penalty) and then Greg Lerond netted for the winners.

Canterbury's only goal came from Arambasic.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, Nelson, Sellar, Hall (Burrows), Terry, Cox (Tasker), Meades, Harrington, Leronde, Duncan, Sharpe.

CANTERBURY: Conistis, Mantas, Severi, Vandarakis, Radman, Nikolopoulos, Antanopoulos, Petas, Arambasic, Kalogeras, Stavropoulos.

FRASER CUBA'S PENALTY SHOT

URUGUAYAN Auburn favourite Fraser Cuba blotted his copybook early in the game and then came back with a penalty kick to secure a 1-1 draw with favoured Melita Eagles at St George Stadium on Wednesday night.

John Foxman, who had knocked back a request to join Maccabi in order to further his football at State Bank League level, was Melita's scorer.

URUGUAYAN AUBURN: Rosano, Krslovic, Tomasic, Hastie, Woods, Mosquera, Peulic, O'Donnell, Cuba, Genc, Wilks.

MELITA EAGLES: Pupovac, Williams, Cabassi, Wilson, Lomas, Callinan, Farnsworth, Wellbourn, Dalton, Foxman, Sertbas.

INTER MONARO BATTLES ON WITH VIC FERNANDEZ BACK

INTER MONARO will be going into the 1987 season on an austerity budget as the Soccer club seeks to build on the ruins of last year's disasters.

BY GRAHAM COOKE

Monaro, at one time in danger of folding completely after finishing at the foot of the National Soccer League in 1986, will be relying heavily on home-produced youth to maintain it after relegation to the NSW competition.

Only five of last year's first team squad defenders, Angelo Titilas, Harry Williams, Joe Gagetti, midfielder Angelo Ambrosino and striker Marko Perinovic — are back in training, although secretary Maria Florian said others would probably trickle back as the season approached.

The remainder were mainly members of last year's National Youth League and under-16 squads.

"Our main problem is a goalkeeper," she said. "Steve Hoszowski has not been in contact with us and we played our first pre-season game last week with Robert Chicco, a striker in last year's youth team, in goal."

It is this kind of situation which indicates that the big-spending era in which Inter Monaro attempted to buy a permanent place in the NSL — is well and truly over.

The club has no money for big names and is even suspicious of the traditional method of bringing in experienced players from overseas.

"We have had inquiries from one player who says he is a Nigerian international, as well as a goalkeeper from England, but these players are always a risk," Florian said.

"The club considers it is far better to promote young players from



HARRY WILLIAMS ... fronts up again

Queanbeyan and the ACT."

Back Home

One area in which the club will save is on ground rental. It has abandoned Selfert Oval and is back on its homely little ground next to the Marco Polo Club.



ATTILA CARBONE

Also back as coach is Vic Fernandez who took the side into the NSL with a State League victory in 1984.

Of last year's NSL squad, club captain and sweeper Ricky Budini is coaching Southport, on the Gold Coast, and has taken Ian Wotherspoon with him, Luche Djordjieski has bought out his contract and is training with Apia Leichhardt, Tilly Carbone is with Marconi, while Steve Winn has returned to England.

The committee which will run the club in 1987 consists of chairman Harry Panjer; secretary Maria Florian; assistant secretary Anne Maree Lavella; treasurer Ennio Di Fauli; general members Mirco Pavan, Sam Biancolin, Tony Taglieri and Tony Tagliapietra.

CANBERRA CITY COMES BACK WITH A DEAL OF GUSTO

CANBERRA CITY Olympians Soccer coach Augusto Palacios is using his Peruvian connections to bring two new players to the ACT for the NSW State League season.

Palacios has spent the summer coaching Callao, a second division team based in a seaside suburb of the Peruvian capital, Lima.

He has requested City to sign two players from his team — one an 18-year-old midfielder or sweeper whom he has coached for the last three years, the other a 24-year-old striker.

City secretary Taso Samios said that contracts had already been sent to Peru and subject to visas being sorted out, the pair would be in Australia by the end of the month.

"There should be no problem with their fitness as they will have just completed a season of Soccer," he said. "They will need to be acclimatised and fitted into the team, but there

Canberra correspondent
Graham Cook reviews
the local teams



AUGUSTO PALACIOS

is no reason why they should not be ready for our first league game, on March 15."

Samios said that under Palacios, City's play would probably

evolve into a mixture of South American and British styles. "It should be an exciting blend for the supporters."

Of last year's first-team squad Steve Bryant, Tom Sermanni, George Economopoulos, Peter Mazis, Jimmy Cant and Ray Junna were back in training, while Jason Dunn had just returned from holiday.

Several members of last year's youth squad, including John Nelson, Gardner Murray and Craig Weldon, were likely to be challenging for first team places.

Brothers Phil and Alan Reis were expected to rejoin the club, the latter subject to negotiations with Brisbane Lions, while City was talking with

other players in the ACT area.

Definitely lost were goalkeeper Anthony Franken to Sydney Croatia and striker Hilton Phillips (APIA-Leichhardt). John Mihailidis was training with Heidelberg and George Kulscar with St George.

In addition, promising young players Gus Cerro and Tony Lemezina were having trials with Sydney Croatia and Melbourne Croatia respectively.

Jim Harkins and Ian Gibson had both said they could not train at present because of personal commitments while Roy Jones, who City had hoped to have back this year after a season's rest, had returned to Western Australia.

MELITA'S DENNIS HOGGART TAKES CHANCES GALORE

BY KEITH GILMOUR

After building a strong squad last year Melita have made two top additions.

One is Greg Brown, the English-born central striker from New Zealand and the other 20 year old Anthony Wellbourne, who only cost the club \$500 from Wollongong Makedonia.

Hoggart classes Brown as a Malcolm MacDo-

nald look-alike.

"He's the old style centre-forward personified," said Hoggart. "He's quick over 15 metres, has a shot in both feet and he is an enthusiastic as they come."

"Not only is he a good player, but he fitted in immediately."

Wellbourne, a handy right midfielder, was Under 21 player of the year in 1986. Melita had a close eye on him then.

The club has brought

young Cabbassi, just 18, up from the youth team.

Graham Lomas is also seeking to cement a first team place, and John Foxman has matured and looks very sharp at the front.

Hoggart reckons his team has improved to the extent that they will be 20% better than last year.

With his track record he should know.

In that event there should be some great encounters at the top of the State Bank League.

KURT REYNOLDS DOMINANT

SHOWING superb confidence and the alertness to get into position for some telling interceptions and passes, defender Kurt Reynolds shone in Blacktown City's 4-1 win over Wollongong Makedonia at the Gabbie on Sunday.

Brian Ellem and Jason

van Blerk went close early. Then Blacktown were almost in by the 16th minute.

Ellem went wide to find van Blerk on the left. A Thornthwaite header came back off Makedonia keeper Peter Terzioviski but a snap shot from Paul Kay missed the post from right in front.

Gardiner screwed a left foot drive too high in the 27th minute after Demons' goalkeeper Steve Watson had

pushed it into his path.

Watson, a proven performer, was having his first feel of the ball since arriving from Sydney Croatia.

Adam Sandy scored a very soft one in the 30th minute and Thornthwaite put Blacktown two ahead three minutes later.

Sandy netted again but Gardiner marked Makedonia's fight back by rising to score from a beautiful header from a

perfectly placed Dafkovski corner.

Right at the end van Blerk beat Sweeney all ends up and drove low through Terzioviski for the final goal.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Watson, Maier, Starrey, Reynolds, Northam, Denyer, Kay (Sharpe 41m), Thornthwaite, Sandy (Naumov), Ellem, van Blerk.

WOLLONGONG MAKEDONIA: Terzioviski, Muhlbauer, Wraith, Ruskin, Sweeney, Dafkovski, Jeresa, P. Giraldi, Tilt, Gardiner, Beml. Res: Campbell.

KEITH GILMOUR

MITRESKI JOINS ILINDEN

ROCKDALE Ilinden have secured Vasco Mitreski, a defender from Yugoslav Second Division club Pelister.

Coach Ilya Takac said: "The reports indicate that he will be as good as

anything in Australia at present."

Midfielder Vlado Tortevski, a huge success in 1986, has arrived back from Yugoslavia.

Possible gains come from St George — Mike Boogaard, Roy Cotton and Mike Grbevski.

Grbevski, a junior with Ilinden, only shifted to the Saints midway through last season.

"At that stage we had not lost 14 games and Mike could not break into the first team.

"I am sure that he will turn out a fine player if I can work with him," explained Takac.

The club is talking to a couple of experienced goalkeepers as Tony Zic still needs some blood.

The club is certain to have a side which can compete with the best in the State Bank League.

But the big point will be whether Zlatko Nastevski joins up with Marconi or returns to Rockdale Ilinden.

That would make all

the difference.

— KEITH GILMOUR

STRIKER Louis Dounis scored twice in APIA-Leichhardt's 3-2 win over State Bank League outfit Warringah Freshwater at Cromer Park.

The clever Baran also scored, with Warringah goals coming from Corrigan and Holloway.

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MARCONI STADIUM

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7.45pm MARCONI v ST GEORGE

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22
ST GEORGE STADIUM

6pm MELITA EAGLES v APIA-LEICHHARDT
7.45pm SYDNEY OLYMPIC v BLACKTOWN CITY

State Bank



MIKE JOHNSON

MIKE JOHNSON is a former English professional Soccer

player. He played as full time professional with Doncaster Rovers, Brighton, Fulham and Newcastle United. He is an English Football Association coach.

In Australia he has coached top teams — Sutherland, St George BSC, West Adelaide, APIA, Wollongong United (now Wollongong Macedonia) and currently Fairy Meadow in the NSW State League.

His television series *The Basic Skills of*

Soccer was shown for the first time in 1980 on ABC, concurrently with another television series of his.

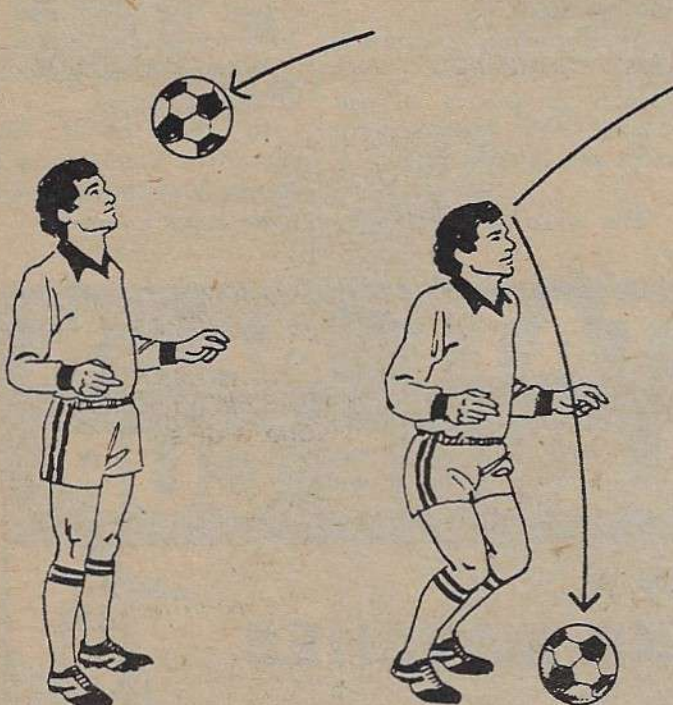
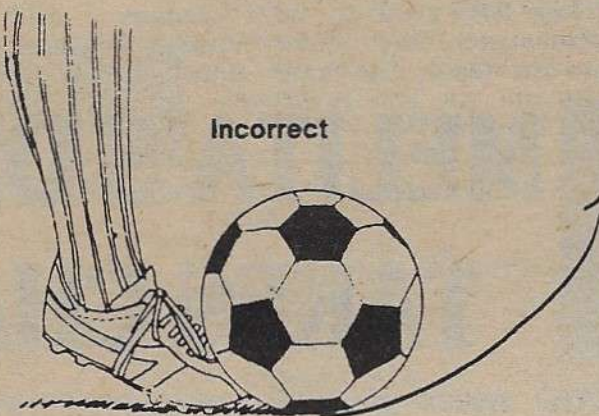
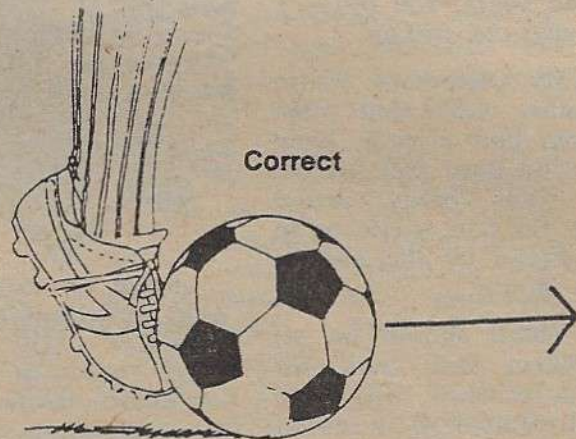
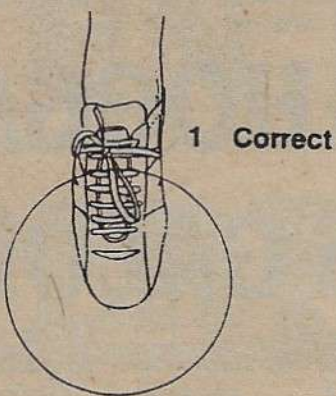
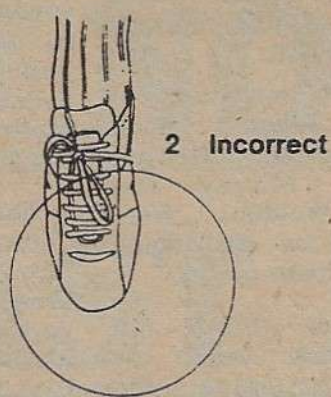
His book *Fitness for Sport* won a quick acceptance among schools and junior club throughout Australia.

He has had outstanding success coaching young players, many of whom have gone on to represent Australia at Soccer. These include John Roach, Alan Griffiths, Col Bennett, Steve Perry, Alan Maher, Brendan Grosse,

Neville Morgan, John O'Shea, and Mark Jankovics.

He says that every one of these players, despite their eventual success, was deficient in basic skills because of inadequate coaching in their early years, and that all of them would have been better players if they had developed good basic grounding of skill when they were young.

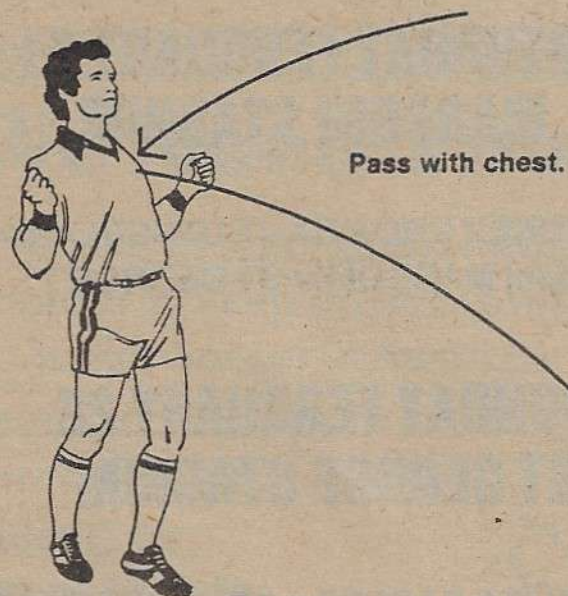
That, says Johnson, is the reason for this book and the film series that preceded it.



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*MIKE JOHNSON's Soccer Skills book is now available at ABC shops and all good book shops. In his own unique style Mike shows how the great game should be played.

Sports Institute takes tremendous initiative

RON SMITH MOVES AHEAD

BY GRAHAM COOKE

THE Australian Institute of Sport is planning a series of initiatives aimed at raising its profile in Australia Soccer.

The AIS is making the jump from the National Youth League to Senior Soccer this season with matches against sides from the Victorian State League, and home games are planned for Bruce Stadium under lights on Saturday nights.

It will not be a full member of the league but will play the team with the weekly bye in the 15-strong competition.

If all goes well the incentive for home games will be a winner-take-all purse provided by a major sponsor after whom the series will be named.

But the most dramatic departure from normal

procedures is the lack of emphasis on match-day taking through the turnstiles.

In fact, coach Ron Smith says he is not counting on a single paying spectator.

Instead he hopes to sell "packages" in which sponsors receive blocks of match tickets to give away to staff or customers.

In one such package a sponsor agreeing to back a single home game at a cost of \$2,000 will receive, among other things, 250 grandstand tickets plus 12 VIP concessions for all AIS matches at Bruce Stadium.

Other deals also involve the allocation of grandstand seats which could mean, if the scheme is successful, 4000 or more tickets in circulation for each home game.

Also offered will be advertising space at the stadium, including the use of the electronic scoreboard, a quality match-day program and other promotional activities.

Promotions

A brochure outlining the proposals in detail is being circulated among Canberra businesses, and Smith said the initial response was encouraging.

"Saturday night at Bruce Stadium under lights could be a great atmosphere if we can get a few thousand people there," he said. "And under this plan no-one would have to pay to get in."

"The minimum amount of money we need to bring 15 teams to Canberra is \$40,000 — and \$30,000 of that would be taken care of 15 match-day sponsors alone."

"The sole motive behind this plan is a provide good, competitive games for the young players in the AIS squad. We do not want to make any profits."

"The AIS has been trying to get into senior Soccer for three years and Victoria has given us the opportunity."

"Now we want to let the Canberra community know about us and to provide entertainment for all those who love Soccer."

THE VSF'S LATEST RECRUIT

BY PHIL DIAMATARIS

JEFF OLVER needs no introduction. The Socceroo goalkeeper who is only 26 has been around for what seems like forever. As a junior he was outstanding and Heidelberg snapped him up and nurtured him into their senior team. The rest is history.

His attitude is very strong-willed, and commitment to the development of Soccer in Australia is overwhelming. So much so that five weeks ago the Victorian Soccer Federation appointed him as their Development Officer.

Primarily he will be visiting schools and promoting our game in the form of coaching problems and theoretical sessions. Coaching kits will be provided to teachers so as the work Jeff introduces can be followed up.

It is first time this type of development has been offered as the future of Soccer needs a solid foundation at the grass roots level.

Tim White's efforts as Coaching Director have been very successful but he can only do so much. Jeff will now be able to lighten the burden, concentrate on development at this level and allow Tim to educate organised sides and coaches.

Jeff told me: "The biggest problem we have in our game, as other sports also have, is that players around the ages of 15 and 16 just drop out and give up in pursuit of other interests. This is what I want to cut down by getting them to understand our game a little more and offer them a little more satisfaction with

their achievements."

These results won't be obvious for a few years, but any increase would be excellent.

Jeff sees himself playing Soccer for many years to come and generally takes things a day at a time. He dearly wants to continue as the Socceroos number one keeper and sees himself available for the next two World Cup campaigns.

"Actually that is the beauty of this 'new' squad, most of the boys will be available for the next two or three World Cups", he said.

"That's great for Australia's future as stability has not been our biggest asset in the past. Frank Arok must be given credit for this and also for his versatility in coaching."

CENTRAL Coast Soccer side in the Northern NSW Federation has announced the signing of their longest serving player Dale Eggleton for the 1987 season.

Eggleton has only a handful of games to reach his 100 games. If everything goes according to 'Hoyle' he will achieve this honour on May 31 against Cardiff at Plum Park, Lisarow.

Eggleton has given outstanding service to Central Coast Soccer dating back to his junior days and is still an important cog in the 1st Grade engine room.

Coach Brian McDonald said: "It's a relief to finally secure Eggleton's services and it will not be long before the full

"He mentioned that this present squad is different to the galant Socceroos of the 1986 World Cup challenge. This team is very agile and more imaginative but still possesses that stubborn never-say-die attitude. Our recent results show we are on the right path."

Jeff also agreed that "professionalism" literally, is the way to go, if Australia is to become competitive, not only against the Scots but against the Brazils. But he is also aware of the non-availability of the type of money required for such an ambitious task.

Jeff Olver certainly looks like being a prize recruit for the VSF. His "go and get it" attitude will certainly fetch handsome rewards for Victoria's Soccer future.

squad will be settled and I can concentrate on tactical work".

ARTARMON has long been a force or a reasonable team in various grades up to NSW State League Second Division.

For many years they were a mainly British outfit, but they did not run much if anything by way of junior sides to ensure their future.

Their ground, Artarmon Park, is an excellent area.

This year they have combined with North Sydney Soccer club to form North Sydney — Artarmon.

North Sydney, established only seven years ago, ran 17 teams in the Ku-ring-gai District Soccer Association in 1986.

VICTORIA'S BUFFALO GOLD CUP 1987

VAN EGMOND STARS FOR PRESTON

RISING Soccer star Nick Van Egmond led Preston to 4-2 win over Frankston Pines in the Buffalo Cup 1987, on Saturday night at Olympic Park.

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

Van Egmond scored a hat-trick to hoist Preston to the top spot of Group A of the Cup and set them on the trail for the semi-finals.

Preston assumed control of the game right from the outset and hit the lead after seven minutes with an opportunist goal from George Slifkas.

Van Egmond pierced Frankston's defence for the second time midway through the first half to give Preston a 2-0 lead at half time.

Within seconds from the restart Van Egmond

connected with a cross from Steve Gojevic to enhance Preston's lead to 3-0.

Frankston Pines showed tremendous character after the third goal, mounting a counter attack which enabled them to score twice, with goals by Craig Miller and Jim Ross.

The hoped for recovery, however, was dashed in the 64th minute when Van Egmond steered the ball in the net for the last time, with a spectacular overhead kick.

BERGERS WIN

IN the second game of the night a late goal by stop-gap centre-half Chris Ketsakidis gave Heidelberg United a narrow 1-0 win over Footscray.

The loss was a bitter welcome to Footscray coach Dragoslav Sekularic, back from Yugoslavia after an extended holiday.

Seki had a few harsh words for his defence, after the game, for giving Chris Ketsakidis the chance to score the winning goal. He predicted wholesale changes at Footscray, if the players don't pull their socks up.

"By the end of the month I will know which players are good to me

and also those who should go to the transfer list," Seki told the press.

"We need players," he remarked, "to strengthen our team, if we are to give the N.S.L. title a shot".

Though Sekularic's influence was evident in the performance of most of his players, the actual impediment for Heidelberg's forwards was young goalkeeper Zoran Vlanjic, deputising for senior keeper Zoran Nikitonic, currently visiting his ailing father in Yugoslavia.

Vlanjic pulled off a series of brilliant saves, until he was beaten in the 64th minute, with a low shot by Ketsakidis from a Peter Tsolakis free kick.

The game saw the debut with Heidelberg United of Laurie McKenna, a burly forward recruited from Box Hill.

ward recruited from Box Hill.

A former Scottish First Division player, McKenna impressed his boss Roy McLaren with his aggressiveness and strength in the air, attributes Heidelberg United will exploit to compensate for the medium sized Peter Tsolakis and Andy Deeley.

Footscray also fielded their latest recruit, full-back Tyrone James, who shifted to Footscray, from neighboring Sunshine George Cross.

James' debut, however, did not prevent Footscray from missing the semi-finals of the night series.

In a stark contrast to Footscray, South Melbourne secured their berth in the finals of the Cup with a convincing 6-0 over Box Hill.

South Melbourne remain undefeated in the competition and seem the undisputed favourite to win the Cup.

Charlie Egan opened the scoring after 17 minutes.

Steve Blair marked his return to the team with the second goal and Danny Wright scored the third goal, being his third since he joined South Melbourne form Brisbane Lions, thus demolishing Box Hill before the break.

Second half substitute Stuart Stevenson added the fourth goal and George Kalogeras scored his first National League goal in the 56th minute, sinking Box Hill further into trouble.

further into trouble.

Charlie Egan had the last word, pumping the sixth goal in the net from close range.

The second game of the night was an anti-climax as Sunshine George Cross and Melbourne Croatia played an uninspiring 0-0 draw.

Neither side showed enough drive and for that were criticised very severely by their disappointed supporters.



JEFF OLVER

BUFFALO CUP WEDNESDAY GAMES

DANNY BOY FOR GULLY

THIS was an entertaining affair between two of the top teams which will challenge for the Victorian State League championship this season.

Defences were on top for much of the game with the rare opportunities coming for both sides being missed.

Gully, after getting the early break when Stuart Cannel crossed for Danny Ward to head home, showed their experience to contain the eager Croydon, definitely a good warm up to their clashes this season.

Green Gully 1 (Ward Sth) v s Croydon 0

Teams: Green Gully: L. Denys, J. O'Donnell (off half-time Deakin on) S. Douglas, S. Frazer, S. Cannel, S. McLelland, J. Grimaud, L. Carter, D. Ward, C. Quigley, T. Cumming.

Croydon: K. Waterana, M. Brown, I. Marshall (off 51st Livingston on), G. Brack, J. O'Reilly, S. Beech, M. McDonald, D. Cooper, G. French, D. Brogan, J. Nelson.

LUCKY JUVE!

A CLOSE encounter of the embarrassing kind! Juventus the 1985 National League Champion and 1986 Southern Division Champion was shown up many times by St Albans, who finished fourth in Victoria's State League last season.

In the end Brian Brown put paid to the magnificent effort of Tony Vrzina's men, when he headed in Juventus' face-saving goal from a Scott Patterson corner.

It was a lucky victory, Juve's first in the series, as St Albans out-positioned, outran and outplayed their more prestigious opponents.

Len McKendry, the quick-witted coach of Juve, has better have his wits about him as Juventus is not shaping up to its previous high standards. He definitely has the job ahead of him, as does his side.

St Albans 0 vs Juventus 1 (Brown 62nd).

Teams: St Albans M. Grgic, D. Rncjac, M. Wilson, R. Krajacic, Z. Bjkljadic, I. Dazel, N. Batinovic, D. Murovic, G. Runje, S. Rastocic.

Juventus: P. Marama, M. Durankoic, P. Lewis, B. Brown, C. Fabrizio, A. Grbac, R. Cullen, F. Incantalupo, S. Lane, S. Patterson, A. Zinni.

— PHIL DIAMATARIS

GUCCI CUP ROUND 1B SUNDAY FEB 15

Blacktown City 14, Macarthur 1; Polonia 4, Sutherland 1; Sydney City — Rockdale no results; North Banks-

town 1, St George 2; Canterbury-Marr — Ku-ring-gai no results; Blacktown — Nepean 1-1; Campbelltown City WOF; Avala 1, Bankstown 2; Sydney Olympic WOF; Croatia 1, Gladesville 3; Marconi 9, Southern Dists 0; Melita 3, Central Coast 2; Illawarra bye.

RICOH DOCKERTY CUP — THE DRAW

THE 1987 Ricoh Dockerty Cup — a competition rich with traditions — re-opens for business on Saturday February 28.

Country areas are represented by Victoria Park (Ballarat) and Traralgon Olympians (Latrobe Valley). The matches kick off at 3pm.

FIRST PRELIMINARY ROUND

Lator United v SM Mordialloc, Springvale United v East Brunswick, Eltham v Holland Park, Corio-Geelong United v Diamond Valley United, Essendon City v North Geelong, Boronia v Sandringham City, Albion Rovers v Yallourn, Pascoe Vale v Williamstown, Westgate v Dandenong City, Bell Park v Clifton Hill, Karingal United v Prahran, Doveton v Traralgon Olympians, Langwarrin v Hamlyn Rangers, Coburg v Werribee, Victoria Park v Seaford United, Bulleen v Ferntree Gully, Port Melbourne v Mooroolbark, Meko Holdings v Clarinda, Sunbury United v Ringwood United, Moorabbin City v Altona Gate, Hawthorn v Rosanna.

BYES: Moreland Park, Rangers, Waverley City, Yarraville, Keysborough, West Brunswick.

2ND ROUND SAT MARCH 7

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CHIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club

SOCCEROO and Sydney Olympic midfielder **PETER RASKOPOULOS** plans to have four more years in football before he hangs up his boots.



Rasko, only 24, is adamant he will go out of the game in a blaze of glory, by playing for Australia in the 1990 World Cup Finals in Italy.

Raskopoulos has a successful business in the dry cleaning field and is planning another venture into the commercial world after selling his Penrith farm.

He has used his Soccer earnings wisely and his future is now secure.

"I've been up at the top and playing in the NSL since I was 15 and have been very lucky in the game," he says.

"But I don't want to hang around too long on the playing scene and plan to get out when I'm still at the top."

FAIRY MEADOW have an official with an identity problem.

When the club played their first trial against Warilla Sports the official walked up to newly appointed coach **Larry Gaffney** and said "G'day John."

"I'm not John, I'm Larry," said Gaffney. "John Fleming left to coach the Wolves 18 months ago."

The same official was at the ground when Fairy Meadow played Dee Why a week later and in passing Gaffney said "G'day John."

One consolation is that if Gaffney doesn't have any success with the club at least one official is going to blame John Fleming.



JEFF OLVER

TWO SA brothers could make a name for themselves in the National League this season.

Tim Mullen, brother of Adelaide City striker Joe, has delighted fans in the Ampol Cup night series since joining the club pre-season.

Not as rugged as Joe, he is taller and has shown some silky touches up front and is obviously able to read his brother's game to perfection, which will be a big asset when it comes to setting up movements.

ST GEORGE coach **FRANK AROK** held what many would see as a "garage sale" in the off-season in order to rebuild his side.

Gone from last years Saints are no less than eight senior players.

Out of Barton Park are Terry Greedy, David Ratcliffe, David Skeen, Robert O'Shea, Mike O'Shea, Miklos Orsag, John McKie and Zoran Beluzic.

In return Arok has snapped up the services of Perth midfielder Allan Pottier, New Zealand striker Kevin Meacock, David Green from Wollongong, Scott Hughes from Sutherland, Newcastle sweeper Neil Owens, George Kulscar of Canberra and Frank D'Addario from Inter Monaro.

Quite a change around.

LET no one be under any delusions ... **ANTHONY FRANKEN** is pressing to become Australia's number one goalkeeper.

Mike Gibson also did well during the Chinese tour but both of them have yet to get past Jeff Olver.

HARRY Michaels, the man who wanted private ownership of Sydney Olympic, was conclusively beaten by Tom Doumanis at the election poll.

Although he missed out on the presidency, Michaels has pledged his support to the club this season.

He will provide \$25,000 in the way of sponsorship to Olympic.

JUST an update on the proposed four-nation Bicentennial Cup next year.

According to the ASF, as yet the plans have not reached the stage where the contestants can be named.

ASF executive director, Brian Emery, has said the ASF was attempting to ensure that two of the teams would be former World Cup champions.

He said the ASF had "no favourites" when it came to deciding which teams to invite.

FIFA has limited Australia to inviting two previous World Cup winners for the tournament, which will be a baptism for the new Sydney Sports Ground.

Emery said negotiations were still in their infancy and it was far too early to start talking about which teams were coming.

"You have to remember that 1988 will also be a European championship year, so that will restrict our choices from Europe," he said.

TONY Henderson has certainly shown his critics up this season.

He looks fitter than he has been at the same time other years and he is certainly showing he's not washed up.

The central defender was one of the first players to re-sign at Marconi.

So keen was he to stay with the club that he signed a blank contract.

"He trusted me to fill in the figure," said Marconi president Tony Labbozzetta.

FOR all those people who thought **MARSHALL SOPER**'s days with Sydney Olympic were numbered (and there were plenty), the volatile striker has remained with the Greek-backed club, but under a major stipulation.

He is now known as the striking COD.

"We have been very generous to Marshall over the years, but if he stays on there will be a stipulation in his contract," says Olympic president Tom Doumanis.

"It will be COD — if he plays then he gets paid."



Marshall Soper.

ADELAIDE CITY fans thought another South American import had been signed the other night when Juan Rodriguez was sent on as a substitute in the Ampol Cup.

But he turned out to be a 19-year-old forward from the club's junior ranks.

However, that was no slight on his ability as he scored a goal and showed he has National League potential.

THE full circle has turned for former Soccer-oo goalkeeper **Martyn Crook**.

In and out of the Adelaide Hellas National League team last year, he has now signed for his original club, Para Hills, in the SA Rothmans State League.



JACK REILLY

THE appointment of former Soccer-oo goalkeeper **JACK REILLY** as chairman of the Victorian Soccer Federation and member of the World Cup committee is a positive and healthy move.

The ASF needed some new blood and Reilly, a very successful businessman, will supply it.

The one thing of late that disappointed the millionaire Reilly was having to miss last season's 1974 Soccer-oo reunion because of a broken foot.

HE's just 17, but Wollongong City's **Goran Trajceski** has his sights fixed on a place in the first team this year.

He played in the first two State Bank Cup games and coach John Fleming was impressed. "He has plenty of potential but this is his learning year," Fleming said.

"I don't plan to rush him and he has to realise competition for a place in the team this year will be a lot stronger than in 1986," Fleming said.

Trajceski had some bad luck as a junior, particularly after being selected in the NSW Under 16 side two years ago.

Excited by the news, he later was dropped when officials discovered he was 17 days too old to qualify.

Last season he was named in the State Under 17 squad but didn't make the final team.



TONY HENDERSON, centre — joins in Marconi celebrations.

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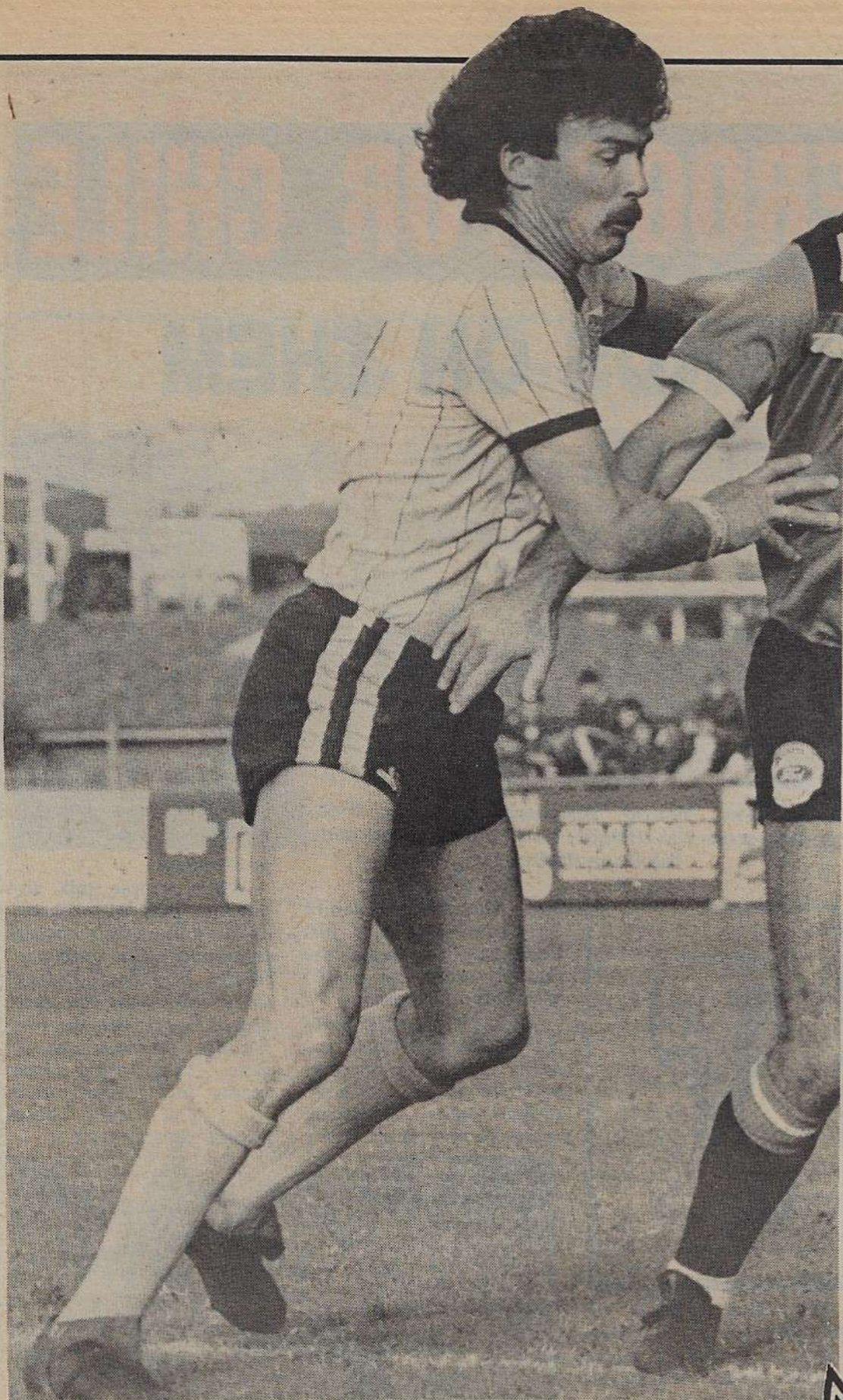
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PETER WILLIS ... unlikely to play.

FORMER Wollongong City fullback Peter Willis is training with his old club but seems unlikely to play with them again.

Willis is the property of Blacktown City and they have slapped a \$5000 transfer fee on him. It seems unlikely there will be any takers at that price but Willis would obviously like to get back into the Wollongong side.

He is living at Albion Park, a southern suburb of Wollongong, and this made his trips to Blacktown even more difficult.

ANDY ROBERTS (Newcastle) and JOHN RACKLEY (Brisbane) have won places in a Blacktown City coaching clinic to be conducted by Les Scheinflug in July. They are also under consideration for a sports scholarship conducted by the University of New England at Armidale for a learning trip to the United Kingdom.

DARREN STEWART is still sidelined with a heel injury and ALEX BUNDALO with groin strain. APIA will welcome them back, which should be prior to the start of the NSL. The club will have extra depth with the signing of BURIN ZAIMI, the capable Yugoslav who appeared with Canterbury Marrickville Olympia last season.

ADELAIDE's Hindmarsh Stadium used to boast one the best and lushest surfaces in the country. But it is not so this year, with large patches looking like outback scrub minus the bushes.

Adelaide City will have to play its opening National League match there as its own ground at Olympic Sports Field will still be housing athletics.

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PANAGOPOULOS BROS.

THE Australian Soccerroos are looking at this format when they play in the President's Cup in Seoul.

The series will be held in Seoul at the new 1988 Olympic Stadium.

All expenses will be met by the South Korea Football Association, with \$50,000 prizemoney for the winning team and \$25,000 for the runner-up.

It is understood that our SBS TV friends are keen to televise it with the Soccerroos participating.

National coach Frank Arok says the series is most valuable in his preparation plans for qualifying for the 1988 Olympics and the 1990 World Cup finals.

"It's the perfect opportunity to blood the team in real international competition and also thoroughly familiarise ourselves with conditions in Korea," says Arok.

"Host nation South Korea is very strong and acquitted itself well in last year's World Cup finals in Mexico and the other participants will also be very strong."

WINFIELD's very popular marketing manager IAN KLEEMAN is making a speedy recovery after recently undergoing a dental operation.

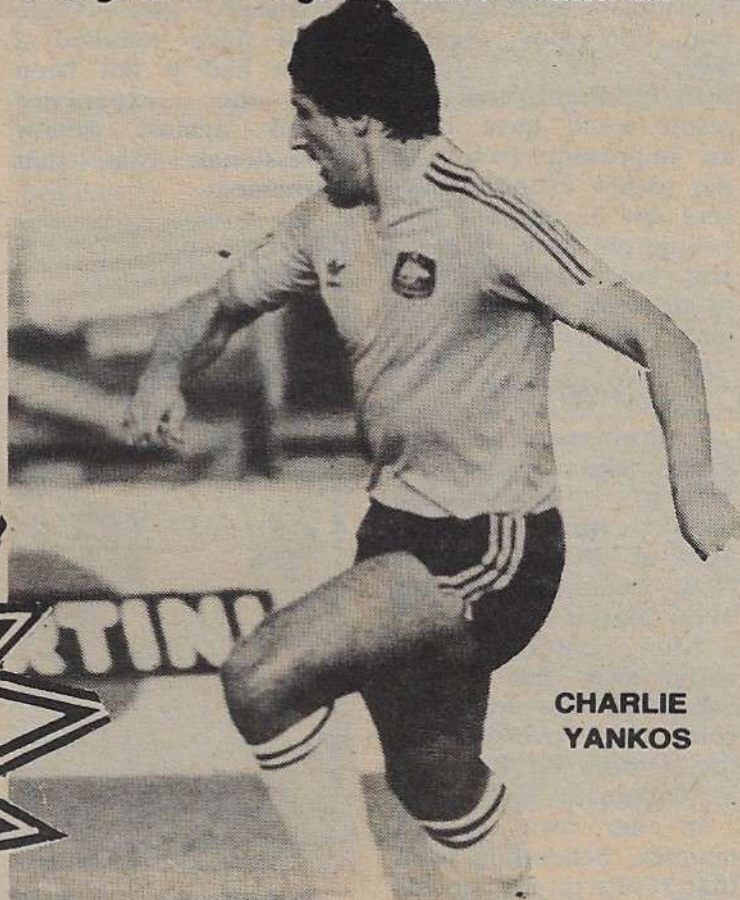
PETER TREDINNICK is now settling back into the APIA side. He was a regular first team player before going to Marconi for two seasons. The transfer fee was \$11,000.

State Bank League club Ku-ring-gai could have a change of plans. They may not need an experienced sweeper if young SIMON PEPPER keeps up the good work. However the midfield may need strengthening if NIGEL GROOME does not return after a good 1986 season.

WANTED — a goalkeeper by Adelaide City. Willie McNally is the only senior keeper available for the West End National League this season following the announcement by his brilliant young deputy, Steve Niscioli, that he would be having a knee reconstruction operation on March 10, and would not be playing again until next year.

NISCIOLI, who turned 19 this month, starred when McNally was out last season with a broken thumb.

CHARLIE YANKOS, the Soccerroo skipper and APIA-Leichhardt sweeper, is working hard to overcome his damaged medial ligament. At very least he expects to be fit for the opening West End League game against St George at St George Stadium on March 29.



CHARLIE YANKOS

JUNIOR indoor Soccer players have been targeted for a series of coaching clinics in a bid to develop the already-popular game.

The clinics, which will be held at MISL (Major Indoor Soccer Leaders) centres throughout Sydney, aim to keep junior interest at an optimum level and increase skills.

They will run during the school holidays, with two already planned for the May and August breaks this year.

The clinics will be conducted at Campbelltown, Fairfield and St Mary's indoor Soccer stadiums, Guildford Sports Connection and Eastern Suburbs Sports City.

ALAN DAVIDSON's decision to return to our football fray is a tremendous boost for the national team.

The talented 26-year-old right-back announced his retirement after Australia's World Cup campaign in 1985 to go into the restaurant business, but now he is back in full training and determined to win back his spot in the national team.

Following his move to Melbourne Croatia, Davidson said: "After a year out of the game, my appetite for football has been refreshed and I can't get back into the action quick enough."

"However, the break has enabled me to completely throw off my back injury and I'm now 100 per cent."

AUSTRALIA's first venture into Asia came 22 years ago.

The tour combined the first taste of the World Cup with an Asian tour.

The World Cup games resulted in 1-6 and 1-3 losses — results which reflected the Australians' nervousness in going into football at this level.

It also showed just what the North Koreans had achieved in three years preparations.

In games other than the World Cup the results were 0-0 v Cambodia, 0-1 v Hong Kong, 1-2 v AIK Stockholm, 3-1 v Nationalist China (now Chinese Taipei or Taiwan), and 1-0 and 3-0 v Malaysia.

A 60,000 crowd in Phnom Penh saw the Australians caught napping by the heat and the electric atmosphere as well as the North Koreans in the first tie.

John Watkiss had a great chance but narrowly missed close to half time but the Koreans went to lead 4-0 by midway in the second half.

It was none other than Les Scheinflug, the present Blacktown City coach, who scored Australia's only goal.

The Australian team was: John Roberts, Nigel Shepherd, Stan Ackerley, Pat Hughes, Bill Rice, Les Scheinflug, Geoff Sleight, John Anderson, Archie Blue, John Watkiss, Dave Todd.

Other members of the squad were: Billy Rorke, Billy Cook, John Warren, Hammy McMeechan, Roy Blitz, Steve Herczeg, Jim Pearson, Ron Giles and Ian Johnston. Coach: Tiko Jellsavcic.

PICTURED: Acting Australian skipper Pat Hughes exchanges gifts with Cambodia's Yang Tramom before the scoreless draw before a 20,000 crowd at the State Olympic.



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THE 1987 YOUNG SOCCEROOS FOR CHILE

AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE DEPENDS ON THEM

AUSTRALIA's qualification for its fourth consecutive World Youth Championships in October is a feat that was beyond the vast majority of the world's recognised Soccer powers.

Current undisputed kings of football Argentina couldn't match the Young Socceroos' achievement, neither could West Germany, Italy, France, Spain, England, Uruguay, Russia or anyone else with the possible exceptions of Brazil and Mexico, who still need to qualify for Chile.

BY FRANK SCIACUNA

Together with his assistant Vic Fernandez, Scheinflug toiled and battled throughout the six months to belt his squad into the cohesive unit that brought the qualification dream into reality.

The early inconsistency shown by these youngsters was partly understandable but it did not make Scheinflug's job any easier.



Happy Coach.

Their first game together against the Soccer aristocrats from Czechoslovakia produced a surprise 3-0 victory in Hobart and this was followed up by an even better performance in Brisbane two days later when the Czechs



The Kiwis clear against the Aussies.



Aussie attack



A heading duel.

were played off the park to the tune of 6-1.

The final match in Newcastle however was a complete reversal with the Socceroos beaten 4-0.

In hindsight, that last result could have been an important factor in the team's eventual success as it brought the youngsters back to earth and enabled Scheinflug to discover flaws in the make up of his side.

Overrun

If that result was a rude shock to the Young Socceroos, their next match against the Kiwis in New Zealand was an even bigger one.

After coasting to an early two goal lead, Scheinflug saw his team completely overrun by the determined Kiwis in a 5-2 defeat.

In his own shrewd manner, Scheinflug used that result to fire up his players for the all or nothing qualifying clash against New Zealand in January.

The other major factor in the side's domination of Israel and New Zealand when it mattered was its participation in the gruelling Queen's Cup tourna-

ment in Bangkok during November and December.

In fact, Scheinflug is convinced that Chile would have reminded a dream had it not been for the experience gained against senior professionals in that tournament.



4-0 v Fiji.

This fact must not be underestimated when analysing Australia's development in world football.

Every country has the chance to produce a batch of exceptional youngsters at the right time who could take it into the finals of one tournament as the USA and Qatar have done, but to do it in four tournaments in a row, with four entirely different squads shows a consistency that cannot be disputed.

Any arguments that Australia's first appearance in these championships was due to the fact that the finals were held in this country and the young Socceroos obtained automatic qualification can be shot down by the results that the team put together during that unforgettable campaign.

The 1981 youth team was of course moulded together by Les Scheinflug as was the 1983 side that got to the Mexico finals.

Jimmy Shoulder took over for the Russian finals in 1985 before Scheinflug was deservedly brought back for the current team.

Incredible!

The Incredible fact

THEY TURNED THE CORNER IN BANGKOK

of this latest success in New Zealand is that Scheinflug did not have a squad as late as six months ago.

He had not even heard of some of the players that eventually took Australia into the finals.

When the initial squad of 30 players assembled at the Camperdown Travelodge during the first week of June last year, it did not include the likes of captain Kurt Reynolds, Paul Trimboli, Jason Polak, John Koch and Jason Van Blerk.

Goalkeeper Brett Hughes and midfielder Abbas Saad were not considered. In fact, only ten of the initial thirty hopefuls made the final squad for New Zealand.

It may be a coincidence that Scheinflug was in charge of the Youth team on three of the four occasions that it got to the finals, but the results are on the board and a 100% success rate cannot be argued against.



(Above) The Young Aussies celebrate their Oceania series win. (Right) Lou Hristodoulou with the Oceania Cup.



predecessors.

When people talk about the lack of progress in the game, they should remember the achievements of these Youth sides and, with the supply line to the seniors getting stronger every year, that old cliché seems most appropriate . . . You ain't seen nuthin yet.



Scheinflug is also of the firm opinion that with another nine months before the finals in which to work in, and given the right support, this squad can take Australia to new heights in world Soccer.

It's worth remember-

ing that the senior Socceroos are only just beginning to reap the benefits from the maturity of the 1981 team.

The 1983 and '85 sides will compound those benefits and the current batch of youngsters have shown signs of being even better than their



KURT REYNOLDS on the move against Fiji.



The Young Australians in the opening ceremony parade.



JOHN ANASTASIADIS in action against Chinese Taipei.



The Kiwis are beaten and qualification sealed, the boys are all smiles — next stop Chile.



(Above) Paul Trimboli flicks his header in for a goal against Fiji. (Below) He holds off a Kiwi defender.



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The World Youth Championship

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY continues its momentous preview to the upcoming World Youth Championship in Chile. Below we produce the tentative programme recently released by FIFA and Chile.

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IV FIFA WORLD YOUTH FIFA/COCA COLA CUP CHAMPIONSHIP CHILE 1987:

First Round Primera rueda		GROUP A GRUPO A	GROUP B GRUPO B	GROUP C GRUPO C	GROUP D GRUPO D
Fechas Dates					
1. Sábado / Saturday	10.10.87	Nº 1 1 v. 2	Nº 2 5 v. 6	Nº 3 9 v. 10	Nº 4 13 v. 14
2. Domingo / Sunday	11.10.87	Nº 5 3 v. 4	Nº 6 7 v. 8	Nº 7 11 v. 12	Nº 8 15 v. 16
3. Lunes / Monday	12.10.87	Descanso	Descanso	Descanso	Descanso
4. Martes / Tuesday	13.10.87	Descanso	Descanso	Descanso	Descanso
5. Miércoles / Wednesday	14.10.87	Nº 9 1 v. 3 Nº 13 2 v. 4	Nº 10 5 v. 7 Nº 14 6 v. 8	Nº 11 9 v. 11 Nº 15 10 v. 12	Nº 12 13 v. 15 Nº 16 14 v. 16
6. Jueves / Thursday	15.10.87	Descanso	Descanso	Descanso	Descanso
7. Viernes / Friday	16.10.87	Descanso	Descanso	Descanso	Descanso
8. Sábado / Saturday	17.10.87	Nº 17 1 v. 4	Nº 18 5 v. 8	Nº 19 9 v. 12	Nº 20 13 v. 16
9. Domingo / Sunday	18.10.87	Nº 21 2 v. 3	Nº 22 6 v. 7	Nº 23 10 v. 11	Nº 24 14 v. 15
10. Lunes / Monday	19.10.87	Descanso	Descanso	Descanso	Descanso
Cuartos de Final Quarterfinal					
11. Martes / Tuesday	20.10.87	Nº 25 Ganador A v. Segundo B	Nº 26 Ganador B v. Segundo A	Nº 27 Ganador C v. Segundo D	Nº 28 Ganador D v. Segundo C
12. Miércoles / Wednesday	21.10.87	Descanso	Descanso	Descanso	Descanso
Semifinales Semi Final					
13. Jueves / Thursday	22.10.87	Nº 29 Ganador Nº 25 v. Ganador Nº 27			Nº 30 Ganador Nº 26 v. Ganador Nº 28
14. Viernes / Friday	23.10.87	Descanso	Descanso	Descanso	Descanso
Final Final					
15. Sábado / Saturday	24.10.87	Nº 31 Perdedor Nº 3 v. Perdedor Nº 4			
16. Domingo / Sunday	25.10.87	Nº 32 Ganador Nº 1 v. Ganador Nº 2			

Descanso = Rest day
Ganador A v. = Winner A v.
Segundo B = Runner-Up B.
Ganador No. 25 v. = Winner No. 25 v.
Ganador No. 27 = Winner No. 27

Perdedor No. 3 v. = Looser No. 3 v.
Perdedor No. 4 = Looser No. 4
Cuartos de Final = Quarter Finals
Semifinales = Semi Finals
Final = Finals



HOST COUNTRIES, PARTICIPANTS AND RESULTS

PLACE	TUNISIA 77	JAPAN 79	AUSTRALIA 81	COPA FIFA/COCA-COLA MEXICO 83	USSR 85
1	USSR	ARGENTINA	WEST GERMANY	BRAZIL	BRAZIL
2	MEXICO	USSR	QATAR	ARGENTINA	SPAIN
3	BRAZIL	URUGUAY	ROMANIA	POLAND	NIGERIA
4	URUGUAY	POLAND	ENGLAND	SOUTH KOREA	USSR
5	PARAGUAY	PARAGUAY	URUGUAY	URUGUAY	MEXICO
6	HONDURAS	SPAIN	BRAZIL	SCOTLAND	BULGARIA
7	FRANCE-SPAIN	PORTUGAL	AUSTRALIA	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	CHINA
8	---	ALGERIA	EGYPT	HOLLAND	COLOMBIA
9	IRAN	SOUTH KOREA	ARGENTINA	AUSTRALIA	HUNGARY
10	HUNGARY	YUGOSLAVIA	POLAND	NIGERIA	SAUDI ARABIA
11	IRAQ	MEXICO	MEXICO SOUTH KOREA	USA	AUSTRALIA
12	ITALY	JAPAN	---	CHINA	PARAGUAY
13	IVORY COAST	CANADA	SPAIN	MEXICO	ENGLAND
14	TUNISIA	HUNGARY	CAMEROON	IVORY COAST	CANADA
15	AUSTRIA	GUINEA	USA	USSR	EIRE
16	MOROCCO	INDONESIA	ITALY	AUSTRIA	TUNISIA

The Qualifiers

BY FRANK COLETTA

THE 16 countries that have qualified for the 1986 World Youth Finals in Chile during October are now known:

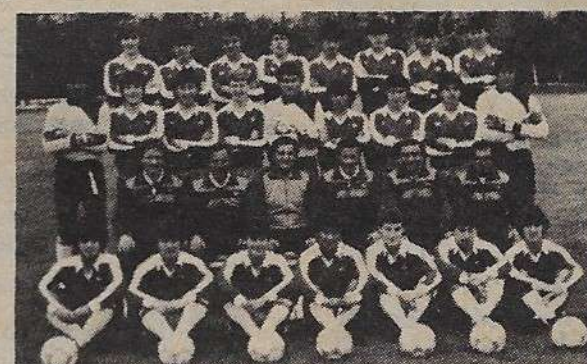
They are — Chile, Brazil, Colombia, USA, Canada, Italy, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Scotland, East Germany, West Germany, Australia, Nigeria, Togo, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain.

The seedings are Chile, Brazil, East Germany and Yugoslavia.

Brazil will be defending the title they won in 1985 in the Soviet Union and will start the tournament as one of the favourites.

Main opposition should come from the likes of European Champions East Germany, hosts Chile, Colombia and hopefully Australia.

FIFA will draw the groups next month and select dates



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ADELAIDE HIGHLIGHTS

HE'S SCOTTY OVER THAT \$25,000 FEE

ALL-rounder Alan Scott is appealing against the transfer fee placed on him by Adelaide Hellas. As we went to press he was lodging papers with his solicitor claiming the \$25,000 Hellas wants from Melbourne Croatia is too much.

The Victorians still want Scott, but will not make another move until the transfer fee is settled.

Croatia secured Hellas Soccer defender Robbie Dunn for \$30,000 and wanted Scott to complete the partnership.

An original member of the Socceroo squad until he injured an ankle, Scott has been playing as an attacking full back, but has also operated in midfield and on a wing.

Current Hellas coach, Peter Jaksa, had him as

BY TOM McKAIN

sweeper in trial games where Scott emerged as one of the stars.

He trained with Hellas until two weeks ago when he could not be persuaded to stay.

"I'm desperate to get back into the national squad and I don't think I can do that from the State League," said Scott.

"But I have no grudges against Hellas, but when they dropped

out of the National League I knew I had to move.

"They offered me good terms for 1987 but I did not want to risk my future. I feel I must play in the national competition.

"I enjoyed the training under Jaksa and playing sweeper.

"But I will play anywhere as long as I can be in the top league."

Only 22, Scott has tremendous vision and slots into any position with ease.

Like Dunn, he had originally planned to remain with Hellas, who seem certain to take out the SA First Division and get a crack at regaining National League status.

But when the word went out that national

coach Frank Arok was not too keen on having his players outside the new West End National League, Dunn changed his mind.

Scott quickly followed, despite efforts by Hellas to retain him.

If he does not go to Croatia, he could possibly line up for Melbourne Juventus, who tried to buy him two years ago.

When Scott goes Hellas will have lost four key men as striker Gary Ward has also moved on, but so far Hellas have not heard which club wants him.

Charlie Yankos is now with APIA, but ironically sidelined with knee ligament problems and expected to miss the start of the winter season.

REG CHILBY SHOCKS WITH OAKS FLATS DECISION

A REAL find of the NSL last season with Wollongong City, Reg Chilby has signed with Illawarra first division club Oak Flats.

BY PHIL MURPHY

Chilby shocked Wolves' coach John Fleming in the off-season when he said he wouldn't be able to stay with the club as he had taken on an afternoon shift job in a local mine.

This meant he won't be able to train the three nights a week Fleming would require but Oak Flats coach Tony McDonald wasted no time moving in.

McDonald already has Chilby's brother, Ray, playing fullback in his team and Reg will be a huge asset in that league.

The Chilby family have a strong association with Oak Flats as Reg's wife and his sister-in-law both play with the club's women's team.

It goes even further as his father is the women's team coach.

McDonald admits he had plenty going for him when he first tried to talk Reg into making the switch.

Chilby was actually a retained player with Fairy Meadow and on loan to the Wolves last year and a similar arrangement has been agreed to with Oak Flats.

☆☆☆

Cellini Sticks

Tarrawanna striker Claude Cellini has been the most sought-after Soccer player in Wollongong in the off-season.

The phone at his parents' home started ringing at the end of the 1986 season with offers from at least a dozen clubs.

He was rumoured to have accepted big signing-on fees with some of them but he finally called a halt to the speculation with the news he wouldn't be going anywhere.

"I have decided to stay with Tarrawanna for one more season," he said. "Maybe next year I will try my luck with another Premier League side or even go for a place with a State League team."

At 21, Cellini could certainly have done well financially this season as some district teams are splashing good money around.

As it is he can expect to struggle with a Tarrawanna club still strictly amateur and likely to be battling to avoid relegation in a very competitive league.

Former first grade fullback Wayne Bradford has been appointed coach and it will be his first experience in this role with a senior club.

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A Natural

Former Wollongong City goalkeeper Natch

Vardareff is a shock selection as Illawarra Pelister player-coach for the new season.

Vardareff didn't play at all last season because of work commitments but is looking forward to his first coaching appointment.

Still in the ISA second division Pelister have big plans and say they have plenty of money to back them up.

Vardareff said he has been surprised by some of the players at training and says he has no doubt he will have a powerful line-up.

Pelister were formerly Warrawong and could battle out the premiership with the newly formed Portside team, which will be backed by the Commercial Hotel.

Portside have some ex-Wollongong Macedonia players in their line-up and experienced fullback Slavko Traicevski will be coach.

Dapto, having slipped down three divisions in the last few years, could also be a threat if they can recapture some of their old enthusiasm.

The Dapto club are hoping to have some of their former juniors in the top grade to start a revival that could put the club back in premier league.

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West-Figtree

West-Figtree's coaching combination of Luke Robaard and Phil Carr are confident of a big season, particularly as they have goalkeeper Sean Billington back on deck.

Billington has returned to Graham Park after a spell with Wollongong City, having played a number of NSL games over three seasons.

Robaard said having retained key defenders Tony Donnelly and Brett Farragher for another season will also boost the side.

"Donnelly was the best player in the league last season in my opinion and we were a bit worried we might lose him but he is keen to stay," Robaard said.

"We are also having a look at a midfielder and a striker who are keen to join us and if we sign them Figtree will be the team to beat."

Figtree will have former centre-half Jim Hurdley as reserve grade coach this year, with Rob Noakes in charge of the under 19's.

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Wenig's Task

Klaus Wenig is the new coach of Bellambi

ILLAWARRA LATEST

— one of the teams relegated from Premier League last season.

Wenig has had his share of success with junior teams since hanging up his boots after a successful playing career with South Coast United and Bellambi.

He was centre-half with the very strong Bellambi side in the mid-70's and part of the success story of the State Cup campaign.

In 1976, Bellambi were the giant-killers of that competition, including all the Sydney first division sides, and only went out in a quarter-final 2-1 to a very strong Yugal outfit.

Playing in front of more than 5000 people under the lights of the old Woonona Oval was one of the highlights of Wenig's career.

His aim is to get Bellambi straight back into Premier League but he has a tough re-building programme on his hands.

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Bulli Plans

Premier League champions Bulli are confident of retaining every player from the side which went through 1986 unbeaten.

Coach Norm Flanagan said some of the players have certainly been contacted by other clubs keen to sign them.

"It seems they like playing for Bulli and we look like having an addition to the squad in Warren Baker, who is back training with us after a spell with Fairy Meadow," Flanagan said.

"Some have been offered good money to move and when you consider we are an amateur club it is great to have the boys staying."

Bulli play their first trial on Saturday when they take on Maroubra at Gibson Park and their home competition games will again be played at Slacky Flat.

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Warilla

When Warilla Wanders started training last month the noticeable absentee was coach Eddie Mullan.

Mullan was in hospital for a third operation on a troublesome cartilage injury and George Olaya was in charge of training.

Mullan says he expects his side to be a lot fitter for early season games this season — his second with the club.

"They turned up at training in dribs and drabs last season but the roll-up has been a lot better this time," he said.

BLUEBELLS INTEND TO PROTECT THEIR CROWN

WEST WALLSEND's first official training run of 1987 took place last week as the Bluebells moved into gear to defend the Northern NSW State First Division premiership they won last year, after having been runners-up to Belmont-Swansea United in 1985.

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

Last year's premiership was West Wallsend's first such success and coach Keith Harris may need to make some changes to his first-team line-up if the Bluebells are to repeat the effort.

There could be two key positions to fill if current rumours prove to be true.

Representative goalkeeper Craig Grills and the club's 1986 player-of-the-year award winner, centre-back David Wilson, are said to be contemplating a move to Newcastle Soccer Club which will play in this year's NSW Federation's State Bank League.



Belmont-Swansea skipper Neville Power hoists up the grand final trophy presented by Mr David Williams of Tooheys Ltd management.

A REPEAT FOR WEST WALLSEND?

However, should Grills depart, Harris will have a ready-made replacement in Robert Kaiser, should the Belmont-Swansea United keeper decide to make the change to West Wallsend as has been suggested.

The name of Scott Haynes, an elusive forward who played last season with Lake Macquarie City, is along being linked with West Wallsend this season.

Paul Gillogly and Ken

Sidebottom are expected to resume with the club after a short break in their respective careers.

And, Under 18 star David Moore, who spent two weeks this month undergoing training and coaching in the UK with Liverpool and Aston Villa, will be pressing claims for a forward position in the first team this year.

Meanwhile, Greg Smith, coach of the 1986 grand final winner Belmont-Swansea United, may be forced to find a replacement for regular centre-back Derek Bull.

Bull, who played his 200th game for the Bels-wans last season, said this week that he was still deciding whether to continue in the game.

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THE QUEENSLAND REPORT

With Greg Russell

COALSTARS AND BRISBANE LIONS TIPPED TO CONTEST HONOURS

LAST season's grand final and Ampol Cup winners, Coalstars, already are looming as the side most likely to challenge pre-season favorites Lions for Queensland Soccer honors this season.

The Ipswich-based team thrashed newly promoted XXXX League side Rochdale 4-0 in the opening match of the \$3,000 World Wide Insulation Silver Boot pre-season tournament at Richlands.

It was by far the most entertaining and complete performance of the tournament so far.

Coalstars fielded a side close to that which won them two of the three trophies last season, the only notable

absentees were captain and sweeper Mark McNaughton, who was on holidays and goalkeeper Brent Diflo, who has retired for study and work reasons.

But coach Brian Styles shuffled his team to more than adequately fill the gaps, using new signing Dale Dawes at leftback and youngster Jon Petie in goals.

As was expected, the striking duo of Mark

Brusco and Dave Wheeler was in devastating form. The pair seem to compliment each other's style and their combinations were as if they had not taken an off-season and merely picked up where they left off last year.

Winger Jon Kitching was effective, causing panic in the young Rochdale defence with his speedy runs while the midfield was directed by Ian Lawrie, moved forward from fullback.

Kevin Caldwell as usual was solid at the back while youngster Alan MCFarlane showed he is set to be an even more confident and successful player this season.

For Rochdale, their opening match highlighted the work ahead for coach Eddie Spearritt. The club's only new face was former Lions, Brisbane City, Apia Leichhardt and Easts utility player Allan Hughes, who looks set to join Spearritt in a joint management team.

Rovers have been devastated during the off-season with five players being lost through work transfers or retirement. The club is eagerly scouring the local transfer market but finding players hard to lure to Underwood Park.

Below Par

North Star, last season's premiers who battled with Coalstars last season for the sil-

verware, had an unconvincing start to the season in beating the gallant Taringa only 1-0, and that goal, from former New Zealand international Alan Marley came only three minutes from the end.

North Star have lost to Sydney former Queensland youth player Cameron Pearse and Brisbane representative Paul Fagan. Experienced defender Jim Cameron has retired to take up the coaching position under manager Iain Fagan while versatile midfielder Mick Tripp has still not returned to training and may retire.

North Star fielded new signings in towering defender Pat Leathan and Australian Indoor player Colin Simpson. Leathan had a good debut, making folly of his many past knee injuries but Simpson found the outdoor game harder going and is somewhat short of being a replacement for the buzzing Paul Fagan.

Billy Williamson surprised when he started the match at sweeper, and his experience and distribution in the back-line could be a valuable asset. His inability to recover quickly after lightning raids forward, hopefully is only attributed to his pre-season lack of fitness.

Newly promoted club Redlands had an unhappy Silver Boot debut, being beaten 2-0 by Ipswich United, who were without many of their stars including latest signing Brian MacNicol.

The Bayside club will have to buy heavily in the coming weeks if they hope to avoid the drop back to Division Two.

The Silver Boot continues this week with the semi-finals on Wednesday and the final on Sunday at 4pm.

COLOURFUL RUDI TO TOUR WITH FIJI

CONTROVERSIAL former Soccer coach Rudi Gutendorf is on his way back to Australia.



RUDI GUTENDORF

The outspoken German will come to Brisbane next month as the National Soccer coach of Fiji, which will play two games against Queensland at Soccer headquarters, Perry Park, on March 22 and 25.

It will be Gutendorf's first visit to Australia since he left shortly after his resignation as the Socceroo coach in May 1981 after his team crashed out of the World Cup Oceania qualifying series.

His 31-month stint as the Socceroo mentor was filled with headlines, if not success, as the Koblenz-born Gutendorf attempted to instil iron discipline on his players.

Gutendorf is currently in Fiji on a four-month West Germany Government-sponsored coaching development scheme.

But Fiji Football Association secretary, Mr Jitendra Marahaja, confirmed that Gutendorf also was assuming the role of National Coach.

"We are trying to get him on a longer term appointment," Mr Marahaja said.

The 58-year-old Gutendorf has had a colorful Soccer history and Fiji is his fourth National appointment after Tunisia, Chile and Australia. He also has coached club teams in Europe, Africa, the United States and Japan.

Gutendorf had just returned to Suva after overseeing the Fiji Youth team in the recent World Youth Championships Oceania qualifying matches in New Zealand which the young Socceroos won for the right to play in the World Finals in Chile in October.

Gutendorf has assembled a squad of 25 senior players, who are in training camp this week in preparation for two matches against touring Russian club team Dinamo Minsk.

The two matches will be the Fijians' main preparation for the Queensland tour.

Queensland played two "tests" against the Fijians in Fiji in 1985, losing the opening match 2-1 but reversing that score in the second game.

Mr Maharaja said more than half the 1985 squad were still members of the National team, including outstanding youngster Ivor Evans, who has been chased repeatedly by Australian National League clubs since he attracted attention at the 1985 Oceania Youth Tournament in Sydney.

The rugged, natural style of the Fijians play is certain to suit Gutendorf's aggressive attacking Soccer thoughts which he preached during his Australian stay.



BILLY WILLIAMSON

Brisbane City bite the dust

BRISBANE City's hopes of a rapid return to the National League took a shock nose dive when the club was beaten in its first official outing of the season in the \$3,000 World Wide Insulation Silver Boot pre-season tournament at Richlands.

City were beaten 2-1 in extra-time by Bayside club Wynnum, who were relegated out of the XXXX League last season.

The result underlined the difficult job ahead for new City coach Juan Cutillas, who left XXXX League club Olympic United to take on the job of rebuilding the Spencer Park team.

City started the match under-strength, following the transfer of a number of former NSL players including Luciano Fabrizio, Dean Milosevic, Phil White and Bobby Hamilton.

The club did sport new signings in Lions goalkeeper Wayne

Evans, former young Socceroo Stephen Glockner, who has returned to the club after a season at Olympic with Cutillas, and Ken Swan, similarly another former City player back at the club after a year at Mount Gravatt.

But disaster was to strike only minutes into the game when Evans badly injured his thumb when parrying a shot from nippy Wolves winger Tony McKinless. The former Lions custodian also split the webbing between his thumb and forefinger and was rushed to hospital.

X-rays showed the injury to be a severe strain, and Evans will be sidelined only for several weeks while that and the split webbing heal.

But the incident was to be the tone of the day. City could get nothing right while the confidence of the Wynnum team grew as each minute past.

Wynnum midfielder Billy McDermott, the most chased player in Queensland but content to "play for fun" with the Wolves, dominated proceedings and his efforts started a move-

ment which finished with Alan Collins putting Wynnum ahead midway through the second half.

City managed to scramble back an equaliser to force extra-time, but it was the Wolves, with only two training nights under their belts that surprisingly finished stronger than City, who had been training for more than a month.

It was justly McDermott who scored the equaliser when he raced onto a through ball, turned the replacement keeper, Antonio Carbone, and pushed the ball into the net.

On opportunities City should have won handsomely, but at the end of the day Wynnum thoroughly deserved their victory for their fighting effort alone.

Cutillas was bitterly disappointed after the game and admitted he had to strengthen his squad.

His team, which contained NSL experienced players in Frank Mengotti, Glenn Archer, Andy Chapman and Rod Vasquez was still vulnerable on the flanks

and would have been torn apart by more experienced wingers.

The team lacked a midfield playmaker, while the forward line rarely threatened. On the few occasions it did, Wynnum's Welsh keeper Jeff Bowden was in outstanding form.

"We have to realise that every team playing against Lions and City is going to play 150 percent," Cutillas said after the match. "We needed discipline and organisation on the field, but we lost our composure."

"We didn't deserve to win. There are no excuses."

As a result of the defeat, City are out of the knockout tournament and now must look to put up a better showing in the XXXX pre-season tournament, the official Queensland pre-season tournament starting later this month.

Failure in that competition could make life a little hot at Spencer Park for Cutillas, who undoubtedly is the right man for the job, but may work a little slower than the often-impatient Italian supporters are prepared to wait.

KIERAN'S IRISH EYES ARE SURE SMILING

BRISBANE City's Irish striker Kieran Cooper, who scored Queensland's winner against New South Wales in the annual interstate clash last year, has rejected Melbourne reports that he could sign with Sunshine George Cross.

Cooper, speaking from Ireland where he is playing with first division club Bray Wanderers during the off-season, said he had never been approached by

George Cross or any other NSL club.

"I am coming back to Brisbane to play for Brisbane City," Cooper said. He said he would be back in Brisbane on February 26.

Cooper, who was Brisbane City's leading scorer last season, has played 14 games for Bray since returning home.

He has five goals to be the club's joint leading scorer and is only three behind the league's top marksman.

And Cooper confirmed the other sharpshoot at his club, a 24-year-old winger, was one of two players he

had approached on behalf of City.

The other is a 24-year-old midfielder from Kilkenny Club, Emsa.

"I don't want to do the wrong thing by the club by saying too much, but I have spoken to both players about Australia and now I am waiting to hear from City," Cooper said.

"They are both very good players and would go well in Brisbane."

Although City presently has only one spare visa place following the releasing of Phil White, the club could do with Cooper bringing both Irishmen with him.

Victoria's new team — the AIS

TROPHIES DON'T BUILD HOUSES

IT has been said time and time again — the future of Australian Soccer lies in the hands of our youth. Even though over the past couple of seasons, we have seen more teams giving youth a break, the pattern of recruitment still follows the line of "experience will give us the winning results."

The Australian Institute of Sport represented by their under 19 youth team, which incidentally has only four nineteen year olds playing, will this year show everyone that with a well programmed policy, they will be no pushover for any experienced senior team, in their

BY PHIL DIAMATARIS

first season in Victoria's State League.

Obviously teams in Australia do not have the funding to conduct such extensive programs, but that's no

excuse to ignore youth right to their own door steps.

Since the AIS' inception in 1981, there have been many players like Tony Franken and Roy Jones who have established themselves in top level competition.

In fact 75% of the talent at the AIS goes on to play in the National Soccer League. This can go down as a warning to State League sides, they had better not take the AIS lightly as most of these players possess the potential to one day play in a category far higher than they are playing in now.

In a recent friendly match against ex-NSL side Inter Monaro, the AIS team won 9-0, and the game was played a few days after most of the squad arrived at the AIS!!

Maybe that is what worried the Victorian Soccer Federation into making a decision not to award by points for matches played between the AIS and State League teams. Could you imagine a non-Victorian side winning the Victorian State League title? It would be very embarrassing.

That's where the VSF's well constructed constitution steps in. It is unconstitutional for a non-Victorian side to take part in a league championship. That is why there will be no points awarded and all games will be basically exhibition matches.

As the secretary of the VSF, Mr George Wallace said: "If the AIS won the title who would be promoted to the NSL? Or on the other hand what if they finished last? Who would be relegated?"

Victorian coaching director Tim White agrees with Mr Wallace in that they do not believe the games will be typical practice matches, with State League sides resting star players or teams playing less than 100%.

"There is too much pride at stake." Victorian Soccer over the past three years has become the pace setter and this improvement must continue at all levels.

Moving Around

Some clubs have also mentioned they don't want to travel to the ACT and Tim White answers to disgust. "Those teams who are playing in the State League and don't have the ambition to advance to the NSL, should not be in Victoria's premier League."

This opportunity to travel to the ACT and play an "official" match should be met with enthusiasm and treated in the same manner that NSL sides treat an interstate match. I believe most players would look forward so such an experience.

Ron Smith, the acting head coach of the AIS, also disputed that matches would be played at anything less than 100%. "The no point system does not bother the side at all, the boys always give there all, as the Institute does not necessarily worry about points on the board but the end result. The boys are out there to continuously improve themselves and attain a higher level of Soccer education."

"Once the boys finally leave the Institute and have improved individually and as team members and are offered positions at higher levels of Soccer from which

they came from, then the Institute realities its success."

Ron goes on to say: "I appreciate the chance the VSF has given the AIS as the boys will receive tremendous experience playing against senior sides, this will help with their development so much than they would have if they again played in the youth league."

Development

Whilst playing in the Northern Division youth league, the attitude was much the same — player development priority number one. Yet over a six year period the AIS finished 4th twice, second twice and champions twice.

Last year they won the Australian Youth Championship beating Victoria's George Cross youth team 3-1 in the final. That's after they won the title in NSW with a goal average of 111 goals for and 13 against!!

Many of the players in the past also gone on to represent the Australian youth team. Critics of Jim Shouder will immediately say: "Well he was coach, of both the AIS and the National Youth squad. His selection of these players were only made so as the AIS could show its worth, that other players missed out even though they were better "than most selected."

To be continued

NSW WOMEN'S RANKS SPLIT

WOMEN'S Soccer in NSW could be split in as many as four directions this

season.

By far the biggest group — and the one with the quality players of the NSW Women's League — is the NSW Women's Amateur Soccer Federation.

They were in boiling hot water following the withdrawal of players from the national team last year, but they paid the \$500 fine prior to the meeting at the weekend.

The NSWWSAF has associate affiliation to the NSW Soccer Federation.

A new organisation based on the Liverpool Association was given affiliation to the AWSA under the name "Central NSW".

Whether any small associations join them such as South Coast remains to be seen, according to NSWWSAF official Brian Grant.

Sutherland and Manly-Warringah stand to affiliate to their local district associations, and others may simply row their own boats.

Earlier the NSW Amateur Federation had offered to take over all women's Soccer as part of the district associations organisation, but this had been rejected.

They may still run all representative football.

Close observers consider that the NSWWSAF could win out as they are likely to remain the biggest organisation, and the NSW Amateur Federation is the dark horse.

But if the NSWWSAF were to join "Central NSW" that organisation is likely to be swamped.



TIM WHITE Director of coaching.

TWO SAINTS GO MARCHING ON

FOR the first time two members of the fairer sex in the St George Soccer Association have won election as life members.

They are Heather Christopher and June Dawson.

Both have been great servants of the only real football code for many years.

Perhaps their honour amounts to belated recognition of the many ladies who have served in St George over the years.

Ground Sparkles

Congratulations to Sid Warner for the work that is going into Peakhurst Park, the

Association home ground.

Repairs are under way at the training ground at Carss Park — an area named after one of the real pioneers of St George schools and junior Soccer, Charlie Pirie.

The various youth teams are well into their programme and the St George district is looking to a mighty year.

The coaches (stated first) and managers are:

U11: Steve McArthur, John Hedison.

U12: Arthur Smith, Ken Fyfe.

U13: Doug Utjesenovic, Ken Elder.

U14: Mike Johnson, Trevor Trotman.

U15: Greg Kokoviades, Bob Preston.

U16: John Haynes, Andy Sotiriou.

VALENTINE PARK IS BUSY BUT ROOM FOR MANY MORE

WITH ALAN VEST

WITH the new motel in operation and very busy over the last few months, it is clear what a valuable acquisition the whole Valentine Park complex is for Soccer.

At the moment three full size grounds — one floodlit — a huge indoor area, swimming pool, conference rooms and now the motel, leads itself to all sorts of possibilities for both clubs

and organisations.

From February 14/22 Hobart Olympic will be spending a week there as part of their pre-season build up.

They'll be training and making full use of all the facilities and will be comfortable in their air-conditioned units and well fed by Mrs Valentine and her staff.

Games during the week will be against State League clubs Sutherland, Blacktown and Melita.

The week should give them a good start for the 1987 season.

CHURCHES UNDER WAY

ONE of NSW Soccer's longest standing Soccer bodies, the NSW Churches Soccer Football Association, is ready on the mark for the 1987 season.

Matches begin in April and are played by players in all grades through from under 6 to over 35s as well as women.

Representative junior games are played against Queensland, Tasmania and Victoria.

Contact points are Mrs Meryn Palmer 520 9898 (bus.) or Mrs Kay Hayes (046 25 5208 after hours).

GREYSTANES STALWART

WHEN Greystanes Soccer Club opened its doors for the sport in 1971 young Gary Burland came along to join the under 12 team.

Last season he became the first one to play 300 competition games for the club.

At this stage he turns out in the Inter Urban Fourth Division.

The only player who could reach the magic 300 games soon is Ian Swinford, now his brother-in-law.

In a nice touch both Gary and Ian began their football in that pioneer under 12 team 17 years ago.



GEORGE WALLACE VSF secretary



SYDNEY CITY YOUTH LEAGUE

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Women's news ... AMBITIOUS DALLAS CUP PROJECT

THE Australian Women's Soccer Association has announced its National Youth team which will compete in the prestigious Dallas Cup VIII from April 12/19.

The team contains players from all member States except W.A. On announcing the team, Executive Director Heather Reid said that this would be the first tour for the National Youth team.

Unfortunately, Julie Murray, who is the only youth player to play for Australia, is unavailable for Dallas. Murray competed in New Zealand in March 1986 with the senior team and will concentrate on developing her position in that team.

The AWSA has launched a sponsorship campaign designed to attract Gold and Silver sponsors for the individual team members as the costs for the tour exceed \$1,650 per person.

Reid said that this was a new move for the AWSA to gain support for the national players and it basically involved 19 individuals trying to secure \$1,200 each compared with the difficult task of securing \$25,000 for the team.

"So far the campaign has proved successful for a number of players and given that it only started early this month the response has been very good", Reid said. The campaign will close on March 6 and interested sponsors should contact Heather Reid on 062-48 5834.

The average age of the team is 17 years old and they will compete in an Under 19 division comprising teams from Texas, California, Oklahoma and Mexico.

The following 18 players have been announced and a touring team of 16 will be chosen later in February to make the tour:

Bronwyn Calver, Laura Fisher and Katrina Alexander (ACT); Yolanda McCarthy, Yvonne Mitchell and Louise Pringle (Tas); Samantha O'Brien, Kerrie Rowe and Leanne Augustine (Sth Old.); Deani Pentecost and Leanne Edmundson (NSW); Gail Pace (SA); Denise Wright and Leanne Hamilton (Vic); Sarah Cooper (NT); Lisa Van Dorp, Katrina Barsby and Karin Wilkinson (Northern NSW).

Clive Mackillop has been appointed as coach and he will be assisted by senior national player Shona Bass. Betty Hoar from Victoria will manage the team with assistance from Heather Reid.

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AFTER years of searching the Central Coast for suitable land, the present 17½ acres was purchased for \$50,000 on 1st January, 1983.

The funds were raised by way of an ANZ Bank loan and levied against each registered player on the Coast at \$3 per year.

A Land Committee was established headed by the Bank Loan guarantors namely, Barry Margin, Bill Northam and the last Bill Plum.

In January 1985 work commenced on the land after the receipt of a Commonwealth Government Community Employment Programme grant for \$65,000,

together with a further ANZ Bank loan from CCSA Limited for \$35,000.

In the early part of 1986 another CEP grant \$56,000 was received, bringing the total Commonwealth Government commitment to \$121,000.

In late 1986 a State Government Department Sport & Recreation Grant for \$25,000 was received which enabled the Complex to be completed to its current stage. As well as these grants, a great deal of assistance has been gained from business and individuals.

The completion of Stage I includes the clearing of the land, erection of fencing, the

setting down of drainage, the laying of turf, the construction of the amenities block and the forming of the car park.

Stage II will see the erection of night lighting, the construction of a club room, and a grandstand with live-in quarters.

The current estimated value of the Complex is \$500,000.

The complex is to be officially opened on Sunday by Barry Cohen MHR, the Federal member for Robertson and Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment.

A welcome to the opening of the project has been widely extended by the chairman of the Central Coast Soccer Association Ltd, Mr Warren Anderson.



STAFFING the course for the Central Coast Soccer Association were Eric Worthington, Angus Payne, Bruce Stowell, Les Bee and Tim White.

HUGE ROLL UP FOR LEVEL 3 COACHING ON CENTRAL COAST

SOCCER coaching on the Central Coast of NSW received a magnificent boost with the completion of a five day course on January 28.

The Level III Course is the second highest level of coaching that can be attained in Australia. It is the first time such a course has been conducted on the Central Coast.

Usually the venue is in the capital cities or in live-in quarters such as New England University.

No less than 21 Central Coast coaches attended the course at which there was 60 hours of tuition, demonstrations and practical sessions.

The course is split into four different sections with the five days just completed being the first section. The other three sections are conducted later in the year and involve inspections, written material and further demonstrations.

Angus Payne, Central Coast Director of Coaching was the instigator for organising the course on the Coast and with the backing of Eric Worthington, Australian Director of Coaching, it has proved an outstanding success.

At present there are only a handful of Level III coaches on the Coast, but it is hoped by the end of 1987 it can boast another handful.

The senior coaches

who conducted the course were Bruce Stowell, Old. Director of Coaching, State coach and Assistant Coach Australian Under 16 squad, and Tim White, Victorian State Coach and Director of Coaching.

Together with Payne these two coaches were assisted by Ken Kaiser, Northern NSW Director of Coaching and Les

Bee, Adamstown Rosebud coach.

The local coaches who participated in improving their level of coaching included representative team coaches and Premier League 1st Grade coaches.

All in all with the success of the course and the eventual higher qualified coaches on the Coast the game should see the benefits in the coming years.

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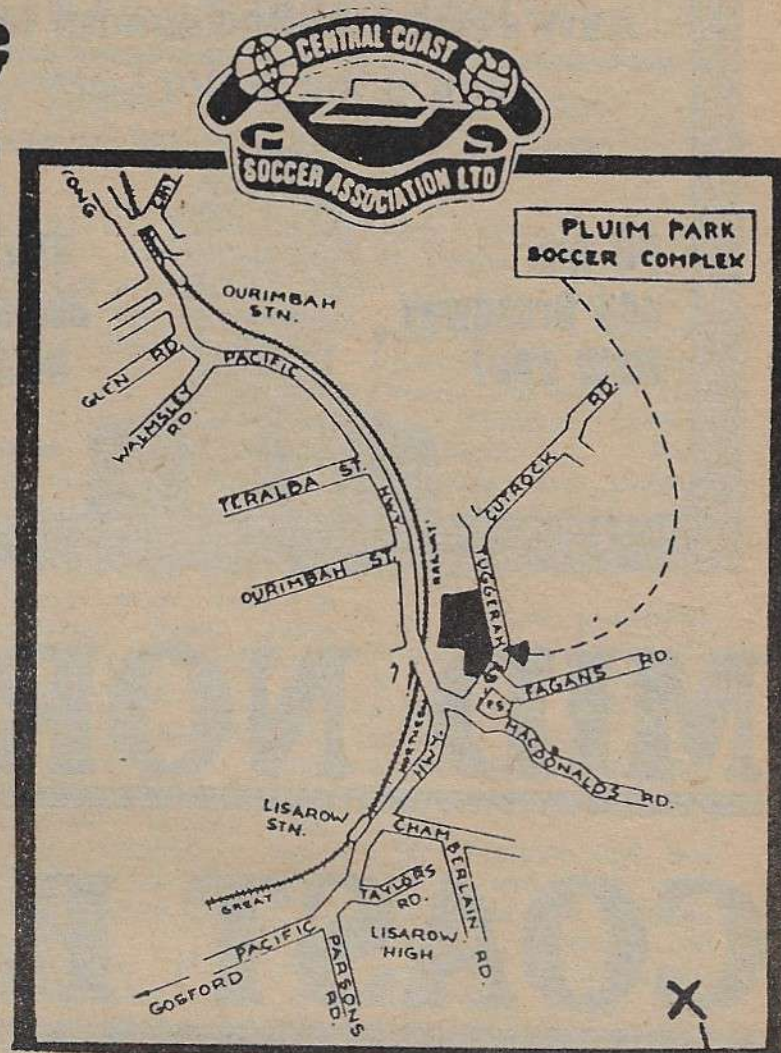
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BIG DAY FOR PLUIM PARK OPENING

IN another hallmark event the Central Coast Soccer Association Ltd. will open its new Soccer Complex 'PLUIM PARK' on Sunday 22nd February, 1987.

Situated on Tuggerah Road, Lisarow the events organised for the day should guarantee a big day.

The Agenda is—
2pm INTERDISTRICT CHALLENGE Gosford City v Wyong Shire
3.10pm March Past by 400 junior players
3.30pm Official Opening
4pm MAIN GAME—
Exhibition game between SYDNEY CITY and NEWCASTLE senior league sides.



COLD START BY JOHN

GOALKEEPER

John Collar is finding a big difference from the climate he is used to since arriving in Hobart from Malaysia.

He has joined the Olympia-WPL club.

Collar started playing at nine years of age in his home town of Malacca and represented his state at under-12 level in the Malaysian interstate competition.

He represented his country at under-16 and under 21 levels in tournaments held in Western Australia,

Indonesia, Singapore and the Philippines.

His brother, who lives in Tasmania, persuaded him to come here and try his luck and he arrived on January 2.

The weather has not been to his liking so far but, apart from having to wear two jumpers at training, he thinks he will eventually get used to it.

"I'm still not quite used to the weather and I feel a bit cold most of the time during training," Collar said. "But, I get along very well with the boys and there are no problems with training."

Communication, anti-

COLLAR

BY VAN DIEMEN

cipation, good reflexes and agility are the prime qualities required to goalkeepers, according to Collar.

He is a little short for a goalkeeper, but, he has managed to overcome that handicap through anticipation and agility and by talking to and organising his fellow defenders.

With the arrival of Collar, Olympia's fans can be assured that whoever keeps goal for the club this year will definitely have earned his place.

OAK TURNER CUP

THE Oak Turner Cup welcomes the Australian Soccer Weekly to another year of informative reporting on the local and national scene.

We would like to take this opportunity to announce that entries for the 1987 Oak Turner Cup competition are now being accepted.

Any school whether it be State, Private or Catholic and can field a team are eligible. The only restriction is, that being an U15 knockout competition students who turn 16 in 1987 are ineligible.

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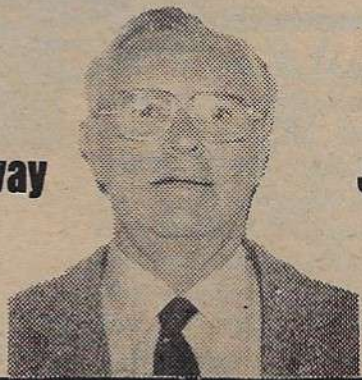
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The Junior Scene

ASW's Editor Keith Gilmour takes a look at the Junior Game.

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Jennings, Arnold and Baumgartner talk ...

AUSSIE PROSPECTS GOOD BUT KIDS MUST PREPARE

AUSTRALIA has a realistic chance of making the 1990 World Cup in Italy, according to one of code's most respected personalities, Leo Baumgartner.

Baumgartner, youth director for Sydney Croatia and a former Austrian and Australian representative, said at Bellingen last week that 'Australia is heading in the right direction'.

Baumgartner, along with Socceroos, Graham Arnold and Garham Jennings, conducted a coaching clinic at Bellingen for promising Mid North Coast players.

The three internationals were invited to the clinic by Midco's director of coaching Bruno Tomasov.

'Australia's Soccer is improving, but you must realise it is only a young sport (internationally) in Australia,' Baumgartner said.

The first Test match played by Australia was in 1922.

'Soccer will be a big sport in the future in Australia,' Baumgartner said.

'Australia beat China and New Zealand last year and they seem to be

improving match after match.

'They were unlucky not to qualify for the World Cup last year.

'Soccer has changed a lot over the years. It's a lot faster and more physical now.'

The clinic at Bellingen was for players aged between 10 and 16 and according to Baumgartner it is a vital time in their Soccer careers.

'It's an important age for them to learn,' Baumgartner said.

If they are prepared to work and dedicate themselves then some of them might make it.

'But we can't make a player out of them in a week.

'They have to practice what we show them at these clinics, whether it be at home or at training.

'We run clinics in Sydney every school holidays and it's unfortunately we can't get to the country areas more.

'Having internationals at the clinics really helps as the kids look up to



Socceroo Graham Jennings supervises young Martin Barnes of Toormina and Andrew McMillan of Nambucca Heads.

them.

Arnold and Jennings have 70 appearances for Australia between them.

Jennings, a defender, is the more experienced, having played 50 matches plus 10 youth games

for Australia, while Arnold, a striker, has pulled on the green and gold 20 times.

Both players were members of the recent successful Australian tour squad to China.

'It was a tough tour to China,' the players said.

'China played pretty rough and we didn't get much help from the referee,' Arnold said.

'I've still got some scars from the games we played against them.'

Depending on form and fitness Jennings and Arnold could play as many as 60 matches this year. That figure includes club and representative fixtures.

Both players said Australia's next aim was to qualify for the 1988 Olympic Games.

Arnold and Jennings admitted they felt lot more pressure when playing in front of a home crowd.

'I don't feel as much pressure on me when I play overseas,' Arnold said.

'In Australia we always seem to have our backs up against the wall,' Jennings said.

Leo Baumgartner was warm in his praise of Mid North Coast Soccer branch president Les Douagoas and treasurer Ted McMillan for their superb hospitality.



Under 16 Mid North Coast players (l to r) Graeme Jessup (Bellingen), Stuart Nolan (Coffs Harbour) and Cain Noble (Woolgoolga) get the word on heading control from star Australia striker Graham Arnold.

John says ...



DARREN FREEMAN ... midfielder against NZ youth.

ARRANGE A TASSIE TOUR

LOOKING for a Soccer tour for your boys of another Australian state?

Keen enthusiast John Tscheppera says ... MAKE IT TASS-MANIA!

Tscheppera, a school-teacher from Launceston who had a year as Director of Coaching for

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AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS NEW ZEALAND TOUR

JANUARY 5th-14th 1987

COACH CHRIS JAMES
reports

FOLLOWING the success of the Australian Schoolboys' tour of the UK it was agreed regular internationals should be a part of the ASSF programme.

Early in 1986 the proposed tour to Australia by a New Zealand Schools side fell through and therefore a trip to New Zealand was substituted.

Games were arranged with the New Zealand FA, Regional associations and Representative school sides — however the New Zealand Schools were unable to play us during the holidays.

This was disappointing and hopefully will be rectified for 1987 or 1988.

The squad was selected at the National titles held in Sydney in August.

It was a strong one, but selections were hampered by two problems.

Firstly the clash of our tour with the NSW Schools tour to Europe and the Australian Youth tour to New Zealand, and secondly by the uncertainty regarding the availability of players from the Australian Institute of Sport.

As it turned out the following players withdrew — Jason van Blerk and Paul Trimboli (Australian Youth Side), David Scott and Keith Warren (NSW Schools tour), Robert Runje, Gareth Naven and Anthony Grbac (AIS — unavailable).

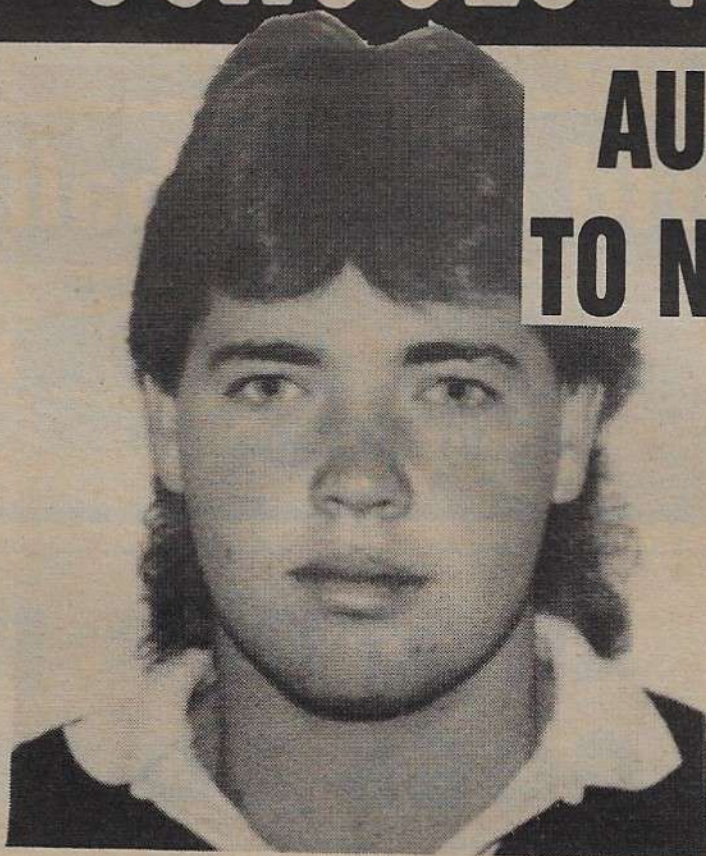


PHILLIP NOCCIOLINO ... central defence.

Tony Lemenzina of the ACT also withdrew very late due to personal reasons.

The overall standard at this year's titles was not as strong as 1985 with the exception of the ACT side who were the eventual champions. It was therefore regrettable that no less than six of this side who were selected subsequently had to withdraw.

Players arrived in Sydney on Friday January 2 and were transported to Parklea where we stayed until



GARRY APPLEBEE ... regular full-back.

leaving for the airport on January 5. We had only three full days and we worked very hard.

Our main emphases naturally was to work on tactics and teamwork and to try and establish a pattern of play.

The squad responded in an enthusiastic manner, although there were a variety of niggling injuries which hampered us.

All players had been given a training schedule to follow before arriving at camp — it appeared some had not followed it as strictly as others — but of course there was little time for fitness work.

The following programme was followed —

Friday January 2nd

11am-12.30:

8 v 8 possession:

Support in attack in small sided games.

1.30-3pm

Functional practice back four.

4pm-5pm

Defending at set plays

6.30 game v Mt Druitt won 3-0

Saturday January 3rd

9am-10.30

Principles of defence.

Functional and small sides.

11am-12.30

Work on midfield in different areas. Shooting

2pm-4pm

Functional work — midfield & strikers.

Attacking at set plays — Shooting.

Sunday January 4th

10am game v NSW Lost 1-0

2pm-4pm

Playing out from the back.

Work on getting ball up to strikers.

Goalkeeping sessions were run every day and they joined in all functional and shooting sessions.

Tiredness showed in our game on Sunday and this game also highlighted some problems which we were able to rectify on tour. The time spent at Parklea was invaluable — but should be longer!

AUSTRALIAN TOURING SQUAD TO NEW ZEALAND-JANUARY 1987

NEW ZEALAND TOUR APPEARANCES

	Taranaki	Wellington	Wellington	N.Z.	B of Plenty	Auckland	Appearances
PAPPOCKI		✓			✓	S	2+1
SUMMERS	✓*		✓	✓	S	✓	4+1
NOCCIOLINO	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6+
HUGHES	S	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓	5+1
BULTER	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	5
APPLEBEE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓	6
WISEMAN	✓*	S	✓	S	✓*	S	3+3
KAFOLIS	S	✓*	S		✓	✓	3+2
JOLEVSKI	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*	6
COLLI	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*	S	5+1
FREEMAN	✓*	S	✓	✓	S	✓*	4+2
RACKLEY	✓	✓	✓*	✓	S	✓*	5+1
GILBERT	✓*	S	✓*	✓*	S	✓	4+2
KILSHAW	S	✓*	S		✓	S	2+3
BADOUNNAS	S	✓*	S		✓	S	2+3
MIDDLETON	✓		✓	✓		✓*	4

S=Substitute

*=Substituted

5-2

Jolevski 3

Gilbert 2

3-2

Rackley 2

Colli

1-0

Rackley

1-0

Colli

1-2

(Badounnas)

Wiseman,

Gilbert,

Kilshaw,

Jolevski 4-0



ORIANO COLLI ... from Western Australia.

NEXT WEEK

TOUR RECORD

WHAT IS NEEDED

1. Increased sponsorship to be a priority. This will enable the Australian Schoolboys to tour in more comfort and lessen the financial burden on players and officials.

2. Coach and Asst Coach or Manager be appointed before the National Titles to enable them to pick the squad.

3. More liaison between ASSF and AIS regarding availability of players.

4. Longer training camps — at Parklea or similar.

5. Less hectic itinerary on tours.

6. A quality first aid/sports medicine bag be purchased and stocked.

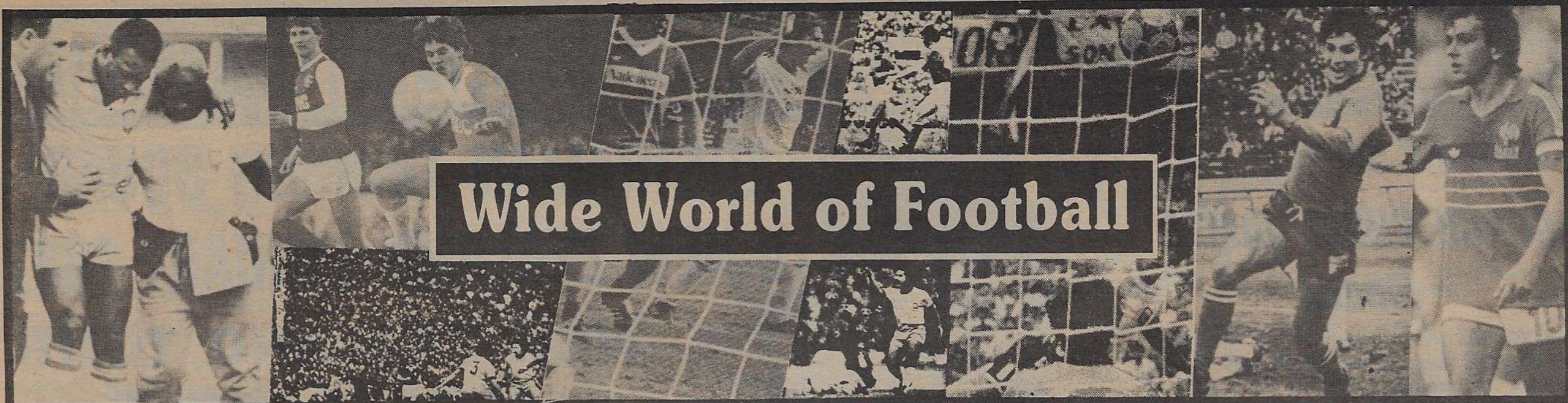
7. Close liaison with the ASF regarding tours.

8. Larger deposit requested from players to ensure no last-minute withdrawals.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLBOYS — NEW ZEALAND TOUR

Back row L to R: D. Summers (Asst Coach), C. Bonner (Tour Leader), G. Jolevski (Vic), D. Summers (Tas), S. Rackley (Qld), S. Gilbert (NSW), R. Paprocki (WA), J. Middleton (Qld), M. Wiseman (ACT), P. Hughes (SA), J. Kafoulis (SA), C. James (Coach), J. Larecki (Manager). Front L to R: G. Applebee (ACT), P. Nocciolino (WA), J. Kilshaw (Qld), D. Freeman (WA), D. Butler capt (Qld), A. Badounnas (SA), O. Colli (WA).





Wide World of Football

Not so sunny — in Spain!

BAD times have suddenly beset Barcelona's third Briton — STEVE ARCHIBALD.

Firstly the Scottish World Cup star was involved in a spectacular high-speed car crash in Spain which he was lucky to survive.

The 30-year-old striker amazingly escaped unscathed from the wreckage of his Mercedes 450 SLE after a pile-up on the outskirts of Barcelona.

Archibald was heading for the beach with a friend when another motorist abruptly changed lanes on the six lane urban motorway.

The manoeuvre sandwiched the former Tottenham star's car causing considerable damage.

And while his flash Merc undergoes repairs, Archibald has to be content with a modest Renault 5 during his travels, which seems to complete his fall from grace after losing his place in Terry Venables' Barcelona side to newcomers Gary Lineker and Mark Hughes.

To top it off though, after the prang Archibald was sent into a raging fury over reports that his career in top level Soccer was over.

In fact he was so angry at a story that he had a tumor in his pelvis that he is in the process of suing the leading Spanish newspaper which carried the report for substantial damages.

Archibald is understandably worried that the report will wreck any chance he has of fixing himself up with a British club.

For although he has another three and a half years of his contract with Barcelona to run, Archibald is desperate to return home after being unable all season to break into the Nou Camp Stadium sides' first team.

It's been said that he's earning somewhere in the region of \$250,000 a year in Spain, but he's willing to take a drop in pay in exchange for regular first team football.

The Barcelona club doctors have denied any suggestion that Archibald is too badly injured to put together a run of competitive matches.

The player himself believes the only way he can restore his reputation is by taking legal action against the newspaper concerned.

When it rains it pours!

ANOTHER SCOT GOES TO SPAIN

SPANISH first division club Sevilla has completed the transfer of Scottish midfielder TED McMINN.

McMinn, 24, of Glasgow Rangers, signed a \$23,000 contract for the rest of the season.

Sevilla, which is currently eighth in the Spanish league, paid Rangers \$290,000 for

the player, who signed on for 3 and a half seasons.

The club's Scottish coach, Jock Wallace, said McMinn would be a welcome addition.

Ironically McMinn's

move to the continent came straight after he had been suspended for two weeks by Rangers' manager Graeme Souness after his second breach of club discipline within a couple of weeks.



JOHAN CRUYFF

Steve gets it right

LEICESTER CITY striker STEVE MORAN believes he is finally starting to come good after a slow start to his career after his transfer from Southampton.

A recent run of six goals in four games has boosted the \$600,000 forward's confidence and he says: "The only thing that matters is scoring."

"I always try as hard as I can to play well but I will only be judged on the number of goals I put away. So it's great to be back on target."

Whilst at The Dell,

Moran had struck up great partnerships with the likes of Phil Boyer, Mick Channon, Charlie George, Kevin Keegan and Joe Jordan and managed to crack goals regularly.

Before he was involved in a rape scandal that he was acquitted of much later, Moran was being feted as a definite England international.

How times change.

A SENIOR MAN FOR OXFORD?

OXFORD UNITED, already reeling from the loss of JOHN ALDRIDGE to Liverpool are ready to use all of the \$1.5m they received from his transfer to grab a replacement.

The man they want is Reading's **TREVOR SENIOR.**

Oxford boss **MAURICE EVANS** knows all about 25-year-old Senior, having signed him for Reading from Portsmouth in 1983, to replace another goalkeeper **KERRY DIXON**, who had been signed by Chelsea.

One of the most prolific scorers in the Football League, Senior turned down a move to Norwich last season but is eager for a chance to emulate Dixon in the First Division.

But that doesn't mean Oxford have given up all hope of signing Northampton's leading scorer **RICHARD HILL.**

Oxford actually agreed to a \$400,000 fee for Hill at the beginning of the season, but called the deal off when **TREVOR HEBBERD** turned down a move to QPR.

Any money left over from the Aldridge deal with Liverpool could well go towards the purchase of a new goalkeeper. Evans likes the look of Coventry's **STEVE OGRIZOVIC** (himself a former Anfield man) and **ANDY LEANING** of York.

NORTHERN IRELAND great **PAT JENNINGS** donated \$2000 to the Children in Need Appeal from cash raised in a raffle to boost his recent Belfast Testimonial.

ENGLISH star mile runner **STEVE CRAM**'s winter training program has been thrown into confusion after he injured a shoulder playing five-a-side Soccer!

CONFUSION ALL OVER MILAN

FANS of AC Milan are becoming increasingly confused by the transfer wheelings and dealings of club president Silvio Berlusconi.

He confidently predicted that **Ray Wilkins** and **Mark Hateley** will be replaced next season by Dutch pair **Marco Van Basten** of **Ajax Amsterdam** and **PSV Eindhoven's Ruud Gullit**, the new star in Holland.

Striker **Van Basten**, said **Berlusconi**, can join Milan as soon as he likes, while **PSV** had only to say the word and **Gullit's \$10m contract** would be bought out.

PSV, however, have announced they are "not interested."

Now **Berlusconi** is trying to lure **Johan Cruyff** to Italy as the club's manager-coach.

The veteran Swedish boss is retiring from Milan at the end of the season and the president of the club hopes the former Dutch star will be his successor.

Berlusconi recently flew to Amsterdam in his private jet for talks with **Cruyff**, who is currently technical director of **Ajax**, and now anxiously awaits his decision.

And the word is that **Cruyff** will accept the offer to join Milan.

He is working without a contract at **Ajax** and is known to be perturbed by the country's growing hooliganism problem.

The money offered by **Berlusconi** — which is being kept a secret — might come in handy, too!

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE WORLD YOUTH CUP-CHILE 87.

To comply with those aspects of the FIFA Program for Action that fall within the Government's area of responsibility, a National Committee has been set up, composed of:

- The General Director of Sports and Recreation, Chairman of the Committee
- A representative of the Ministry of the Interior
- A representative of the Ministry of Defense
- A representative of the Ministry of Education
- A representative of the Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications
- The Director of the National Tourist Office
- The President of the Chilean Football Federation.

The Committee was created on April 10, 1986 to coordinate and cooperate in all activities conducted by public services, organizations and institutions in support of the organization of the FIFA/COCA-COLA Cup.

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE — COL-CHILE 87.

COL is a corporation under private law, created by decision of the Chilean Football Federation and responsible for the promotion, organization, celebration and closure of the IV World Youth Championship. Its fifteen-founder members, nominated by the Chilean Football Federation compose the Council or Assembly.



STEVE ARCHIBALD in Scotland's colours.

In Brief

AT least they are getting good coverage ...

Tottenham Hotspur have done it again. Just last week ASW told of the English first division club's plan to nab DIEGO MARADONA for some \$23m from Napoli.

The news we have now is that they are also interested in MICHEL PLATINI.

The French superstar has been secretly negotiating a move to Spurs!

The former French skipper is desperate to leave Italy where he plays with champion club Juventus and wants to end his career in England.

His form this season has been patchy by his standards and unfortunately he earned the wrath of Juve supporters and coach Rino Marchesi for his poor performance against Real Madrid in the European Cup.

Interesting if Spurs could land both greats! Glenn Hoddle would be ball-boy!

Whatever happened to PAUL RIDEOUT, the former Aston Villa striker who was all set for a \$4 million transfer from Bari to Torino.

In fact Bari blocked the move in spite of relegation from the Italian First Division last season, but now Rideout can't get a place in their side and, like team-mate GORDON COWANS, is desperate to get back to England.

He says: "I've been with Bari for 16 months and it seems like 16 years."



GORDON COWANS

COLOMBIA took out the South American World Youth qualifying tournament last week following a scoreless draw with Brazil in the final.

Both teams now qualify for the World Youth finals in Chile later this year.

Colombia finished top of the table, beating the Brazilians into second spot on goal difference after a countback was needed.

Argentina took third spot after beating Uruguay 4-2.

MICHEL PLATINI scores for France against Italy in the 1986 World Cup finals. Platini will leave Juve at the end of this season and Spurs want him.

DERBY COUNTY boss ARTHUR COX has banned pictures of penalties from the club's programme after Ipswich 'keeper PAUL COOPER saw just such a snap before his team's game at the Baseball Ground and saved a spot-kick.

JAN MOLBY is not about to sign for Juventus ... and that is official.

Liverpool's great Dane has ended all the speculation about his future by signing a new contract which will keep him at Anfield until 1991.



PAUL COOPER, penalty-saver.

HEARTS have won the race for Dumbarton's highly-rated winger ALLAN MOORE.

The 21-year-old was all set to sign for Charlton, but Hearts boss ALEX MACDONALD stepped in with an eleventh hour bid of \$160,000.

BRAZILIAN World Cup star JOSIMAR's career could be in ruins if he fails to clear his name in a forthcoming trial.

The talented full-back, whose spectacular goals in Mexico earned him world wide acclaim, is up in court accused of assaulting a call-girl in Rio.

If found guilty Josimar could be sentenced to up to a year in prison, and a proposed \$300,000 transfer to Benfica of Portugal will fall through.

NAPOLI chairman CORRADO FERLAINO has promised a new 120,000 capacity stadium for the club if they win the Italian League for the first time this season.

Napoli's current home, Stadio San Paolo, houses 85,000.

KARL-HEINZ RUMMENIGGE has hinted he wants to finish his playing career in England ... if UEFA lifts its European ban on English clubs.

The 31-year-old West German striker (below) whose contract with Italian giants Inter Milan runs out at the end of the season, says: "English football has one of the best systems for top class footballers."

"Their style is similar to the one in Germany. Both countries play attacking football and go out to win, which I like."



RUMMENIGGE

MANCHESTER UNITED were wrong to sack Ron Atkinson.

That's the verdict of Inter Milan boss Giovanni Trapattoni, the former Juventus coach who has a verbal blast for Atkinson's critics.

"The man is a great manager," he says. "I saw his work first hand when Juventus played United in Europe."

"I know something about the problems of management, particularly when you are in charge at a big club."



RON ATKINSON

Other Italian clubs are targetting other English league players such as Southampton's Northern Ireland international COLIN CLARKE, Wimbledon's JOHN FASHANU and MIKE NEWELL of Luton Town.

Two other forwards could be on the move soon as well — Everton's under-21 international, PAUL WILKINSON and Second Division Derby's ace marksman BOBBY DAVISON.

Wilkinson is angry at being axed by the Merseyside club after scoring six goals in seven games, while Davison, who recently rejected moves to Oxford and Watford, is now wanted by Liverpool, Arsenal and Newcastle.

ALAN SMITH, Leicester City's goalscoring ace, heads a list of English first division strikers being chased by Italian club Napoli.

The top team in the Italian League at the moment seems resigned to losing their star import Diego Maradona at the end of the year and seem intent on replacing him as soon as possible.

The 23-year-old forward, who has netted 72 goals since joining the Midlands club from non-league football four years ago, was watched by two scouts a couple of weeks back.

MIKE FLANAGAN, the former Charlton, Crystal Palace, QPR and England B international striker, has been forced to quit the game at 34.

Mike injured a knee helping Cambridge United beat Ipswich in the Littlewoods Cup and an operation revealed damage that will take a year to heal.

"I'm only glad it's happened now and not a few years ago," says Mike, who is fully qualified as a Grade One FA coach.

SEX is a problem for footballers. AND it is official.

FIFA is particularly concerned about the stress long tours put on young men and outlines the solution in one of its newsletters.

"Sex is a problem and it is much better to have wives or girlfriends around on long tours than having players partying and chasing girls," says FIFA.

"If wives cannot make it then a night out with an early curfew is far more desirable than a late night out."

An example that has been noted is the Italian 1986 World Cup team which was knocked out of the Mexican finals after they had been given the incentive of a day of sex and whatever else they desire, if they qualified from the first round, with a nod on the side from their manager Enzo Bearzot.

They were duly ousted by France in the next match!



CYRILLE REGIS' spectacular return to form is prompting speculation that he could be in line for another big money move when his contract expires at the end of the season.

Says Cyril: "I am 29-years-old, so any contract I sign in the summer has got to be right. I cannot afford to make any mistakes at this stage of my career."



MARADONA — never out of the news ...

TURKEY, which only has a solitary win in two years of internationals, believes there is one man who could restore football credibility to the country — RON ATKINSON.

Turkish officials have already contacted the flamboyant Englishman with a view to replacing Coskun Ozari, who resigned prior to Turkey's scoreless draw with Northern Ireland in a European Championship qualifier.

The ex-Manchester United manager, always said he wanted his next post to be abroad.

His name has also been linked with Spanish side Atletico Madrid and he recently turned down an offer to manage English fourth division club Peterborough United.

THE EUROPEAN SUPER CUP has been revived and will be played in Monaco between Steaua Bucharest, of Romania, and Dynamo Kiev, of Russia.

The traditional confrontation between the European Cup Winners and Cup Winners Cup holders wasn't held last season because of the European ban on English clubs following the tragedy in Brussels. On that occasion Juventus were to play Everton.

Monaco's two-year-old Stade Louis II, which has a 20,000 capacity, is the venue for the February 24 showdown.

FORMER England defender COLIN TODD has finally received the Third Division medal he earned with Oxford in 1984!

"I hope it's a lucky omen," says 38-year-old Colin, who is plotting another Third Division Championship as coach at Middlesbrough.



CYRILLE REGIS

PIERRE LITTBARSKI won't be returning home to join Blau-Weiss Berlin and is staying with French first division side Racing Club Paris.

The West German international's big money close-season move from FC Cologne to France has proved a major disappointment and he has not been able to command a regular spot in the team which also includes Uruguayans Enzo Francescoli and Ruben Paz.



LITTBARSKI

HONG KONG's hard-pressed Soccer authorities have appealed to the gods in their desperation to bring the crowds back to the stadiums.

The latest initiative to halt the slide in attendances came at the Hong Kong Football Association headquarters last month where perplexed officials burnt joss sticks in front of offerings including a roast pig and a goose.

The traditional rite was aimed at soliciting the help of ancient Chinese gods. Hong Kong football enjoyed a peak of success in the 1970s when several top European players were enlisted to join the professional league.

RANGERS RIDING HIGH!

GRAEME SOUNESS has certainly left little to chance in his attempts to make Glasgow Rangers the top team in Scotland.

Already with the League Cup under their belts the mighty Blues are striving for the Championship and their purchases haven't stopped.

Just a fortnight ago Souness made another massive addition to the club. His bolstering of the defence was helped no end when he signed **GRAEME ROBERTS** from Spurs in England for \$900,000.

Roberts joins such notables as Chris Woods, Terry Butcher,

Colin West and Jimmy Nicholl in the move across the border.



DAVIE COOPER

The look of the Rangers side is awesome with this bevy teaming up with the likes of Davie Cooper and Ally McCoist.

And now the club is on the alert because of the return to action of Linfield scoring sensation **MARTIN MCGAUGHEY**, who was all set for a move to Ibrox in 1985 when a serious knee injury sidelined him for 18 months.

Souness is still on the look-out for a new striker and has been strongly recommended to take another look at the Northern Ireland international who won the European Silver Boot Award in 1984-85.



GRAEME SOUNESS

INTRODUCTION

FIFA "Fédération Internationale de Football Association"

The International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) is without doubt the largest sports organization in the world. Set up in Paris by the National Football Associations of France, Belgium, Denmark, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland, FIFA itself organizes the following association football tournaments: the World Cup once every four years, the Football Olympics held during the Olympic Games and, once every two years, the **World Youth Football Tournament**, a contest for players under twenty. Of late, FIFA celebrated the first World Tournament for players under 16, which is also to take place every two years.

It is the task of FIFA to promote the game of football, foster friendly relations amongst national leagues and their players, enforce respect for rules and regulations and settle disputes. FIFA accepts no form of discrimination against any country or individual on racial, religious or political grounds. Its membership of over 150 National Football Associations is approved by its Congress, FIFA's legislative body which meets every two years. It has an Executive Committee with standing commissions and an administrative body, called the General Secretariat. Its headquarters are located in Zurich, Switzerland. João Havelange is the President of FIFA and Joseph S. Blatter is its Secretary General.

HISTORY OF THE EVENT

The main purpose of FIFA is to promote and develop association football in all parts of the world and it, therefore, attaches special importance to the organization of contests for youngsters of all ages and ability. From 1976 onwards, FIFA has held training courses in almost 100 countries for coaches, referees, sports doctors, and for the administrative and secretarial staff of national associations. To test the effectiveness of such training courses in practice, FIFA decided to organize, in addition to the already existing World Cup and Football Olympics, an international contest offering youngsters, from the Third World in particular, the opportunity to measure their strength against players their age from countries with better soccer. Since FIFA could not alone finance an event of such worldwide scope, it looked for an enthusiastic sponsor of sports, and found an ideal associate in the Coca-Cola Company. This is why the trophy of this new competition is called the **FIFA/COCA-COLA CUP**.

EVENTS HELD

The first two competitions in Tunisia, 1977 and Japan, 1979 were still celebrated under the name of "World Tournament". From then onwards, in 1981 in Australia, 1983 in Mexico and 1985 in the USSR, the games bear the official name of "World Youth Championship for the FIFA/COCA-COLA CUP". Up to this date, 43 countries in all have taken part in this event, but only Mexico and Brazil played in all three competitions for the FIFA/COCA-COLA CUP.

PREPARATIONS

At the end of October, 1985, COL-Chile 87 started its preparations for the World Youth Championship. The project was divided into three specific areas: infrastructure, the event itself and the Chilean Youth Team. By September 19th, 1986, the following progress had been made in each of these areas:

INFRASTRUCTURE

In accordance with the requirements of the FIFA Action Program and after an analysis of the conditions offered by the different cities in Chile for such an event, the following ten towns were selected in November 1985 as possible sites for preliminary rounds in the IV World Youth Championship:

Arica	2,050 km North of Santiago
Antofagasta	1,370 km North of Santiago
La Serena	470 km North of Santiago
Viña del Mar	140 km West of Santiago
Vaiparaiso	119 km West of Santiago
Santiago	
Rancagua	90 km South of Santiago
Talca	255 km South of Santiago
Concepción	515 km South of Santiago
Temuco	675 km South of Santiago

These cities had to submit their applications, duly endorsed by the respective municipal authorities, before December 31st, 1985, accompanied by a list of some 700 items relating to sports, training and related facilities, hotel accommodations, transportation, telecommunications, hospitals, tourism, and cultural, educational, financial, business and economic facilities. Response from the cities was excellent and with the aid of modern technology over 10,000 data were processed in the month of January. The results were submitted to FIFA for its consideration on January 23, 1986, when its Inspection Committee made its first visit to Chile. The Committee was led by Harry Cavan, accompanied by Abilio D'Almeida, Walter Gagg, and José Bonetti. In February FIFA presented its report and the towns of La Serena and Talca were struck off the list. The other cities had to commit themselves to make the necessary investments in remodeling their stadiums and in other works. On March 25, 1986 the following investment program for the different cities and their stadiums was presented to FIFA.

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Continental Qualifying Tournaments

AFRICA

Second African U-16 Youth Tournament 1987

First Round

Lesotho v. Mauritius	
(withdrawal Mauritius)	
Ethiopia v. Sudan	
(withdrawal Sudan)	
Cameroon v. Gabon	
(withdrawal Gabon)	
Benin v. Ghana	
(withdrawal Benin)	
Gambia v. Liberia	
(withdrawal Gambia)	
22.6.86 Togo v. Ivory Coast	1:1
5.7.86 Ivory Coast v. Togo	4:3

Second Round

Lesotho v. Zambia	
(withdrawal Lesotho)	
10.8.86 Ghana v. Nigeria	1:1
23.8.86 Nigeria v. Ghana	0:0
Ethiopia v. Egypt	
(withdrawal Ethiopia)	
9.8.86 Tunisia v. Algeria	0:1
22.8.86 Algeria v. Tunisia	0:0
1.11.86 Liberia v. Guinea	1:1
15.11.86 Guinea v. Liberia	1:0
9.8.86 Ivory Coast v. Cameroon	2:0
24.8.86 Cameroon v. Ivory Coast	3:1

Third Round

2.1.87 Egypt v. Algeria	0:0
16.1.87 Algeria v. Egypt	1:2
4.1.87 Guinea v. Ivory Coast	1:0
18.1.87 Ivory Coast v. Guinea	3:0
Zambia v. Nigeria	
(withdrawal Zambia)	

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NIGERIA, IVORY COAST, EGYPT

ASIA

Second Asian U-16 Youth Tournament 1986 in Qatar

Group A: Bangladesh, Indonesia, Qatar, Saudi Arabia

15.11.86	Indonesia v. Saudi Arabia	1:5
	Qatar v. Bangladesh	6:1
17.11.86	Bangladesh v. Saudi Arabia	0:1
	Qatar v. Indonesia	1:0
19.11.86	Bangladesh v. Indonesia	2:1
	Saudi Arabia v. Qatar	0:1

1. Qatar	3	3	0	0	8:1	6
2. Saudi Arabia	3	2	0	1	6:2	4
3. Bangladesh	3	1	0	2	3:8	2
4. Indonesia	3	0	0	3	2:8	0

Group B: Bahrain, Burma, Korea DPR, Korea Republic

16.11.86	Bahrain v. Korea DPR	3:3
	Burma v. Korea Rep.	0:5
18.11.86	Bahrain v. Korea Rep.	0:0
	Burma v. Korea DPR	1:1
20.11.86	Bahrain v. Burma	0:1
	Korea DPR v. Korea Rep.	0:0

1. Korea Rep.	3	1	2	0	5:0	4
2. Korea DPR	3	0	3	0	4:4	3
3. Burma	3	1	1	1	2:6	3
4. Bahrain	3	0	2	1	3:4	2

Semi-Finals

22.11.86	Korea Rep. v. S.Arabia	1:0
	Qatar v. Korea DPR	1:0

Match for 3rd place

24.11.86	Korea DPR v. Saudi Arabia	0:2
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Final

24.11.86	Qatar v. Korea Rep.	0:0
	penalty kicks: 4:5	

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KOREA REP., QATAR, SAUDI ARABIA

SOUTH AMERICA

I. Campeonato Sudamericano Infantil 1986, Peru

Group A

4.10.86	Bolivia v. Argentina	2:2
	Uruguay v. Colombia	1:2
6.10.86	Argentina v. Colombia	0:0
	Paraguay v. Bolivia	0:2
8.10.86	Colombia v. Paraguay	1:3
	Uruguay v. Argentina	1:1
10.10.86	Colombia v. Bolivia	1:0
	Uruguay v. Paraguay	1:0
12.10.86	Argentina v. Paraguay	2:1
	Bolivia v. Uruguay	1:0

1. Bolivia	4	2	1	1	5:3	5
2. Argentina	4	1	3	0	5:4	5
3. Colombia	4	2	1	1	4:4	5
4. Uruguay	4	1	1	2	3:4	3
5. Paraguay	4	1	0	3	4:6	2

Group B

5.10.86	Brazil v. Ecuador	0:0
	Peru v. Venezuela	2:1
7.10.86	Brazil v. Chile	0:0
	Ecuador v. Peru	1:0
9.10.86	Ecuador v. Chile	3:3
	Venezuela v. Brazil	1:1
11.10.86	Ecuador v. Venezuela	3:0
	Peru v. Chile	1:0
13.10.86	Peru v. Brazil	0:1
	Venezuela v. Chile	0:0

1. Ecuador	4	2	2	0	7:3	6
2. Brazil	4	1	3	0	2:1	5
3. Peru	4	2	0	2	3:3	4
4. Chile	4	0	3	1	3:4	3
5. Venezuela	4	0	2	2	2:6	2

Final Round

15.10.86	Bolivia v. Brazil	1:1
	Ecuador v. Argentina	0:0
17.10.86	Bolivia v. Argentina	1:0
	Ecuador v. Brazil	1:1
19.10.86	Argentina v. Brazil	2:2
	Bolivia v. Ecuador	2:2

1. Bolivia	3	1	2	0	4:3	4
2. Brazil	3	0	3	0	3:3	3
3. Ecuador	3	0	3	0	3:3	3
4. Argentina	3	0	2	1	2:3	2

Qualified for the 2nd FIFA U-16 World Tournament 1987:

BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, ECUADOR

OCEANIA

Oceania U-16 Youth Tournament 1986, Kaoshiung, Chinese Taipei

Australia, Chinese Taipei, Fiji, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea

7.12.86	Chinese Taipei v. New Zealand	0:1	1. Australia	4	3	0	1	10:1	6
	Australia v. Papua New Guinea	3:0	2. New Zealand	4	2	2	0	3:1	6
8.12.86	Fiji v. Australia	0:4	3. Chinese Taipei	4	2	0	2	5:6	4
	New Zealand v. Papua New Guinea	0:0	4. Papua New Guinea	4	0	2	2	1:5	2
10.12.86	Fiji v. Papua New Guinea	0:0	5. Fiji	4	0	2	2	2:8	2
	Chinese Taipei v. Australia	0:3							
12.12.86	Fiji v. New Zealand	1:1							
	Chinese Taipei v. Papua New Guinea	2:1	Qualified for the 2 nd FIFA U-16 World Tournament						
14.12.86	Chinese Taipei v. Fiji	3:1	1987:						
	New Zealand v. Australia	1:0	AUSTRALIA						

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AUSTRALIA

Forthcoming Continental Tournaments

CONCACAF

14.2-1.3.87 in Honduras

EUROPE

25.5-3.6.87 in France